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GIBRALTAR'S INTENSE EXCITEMENT.

ACCUSED OFFICERS EVADE ALL INTERVIEWERS.

VERY SERIOUS CHARGE

Gibraltar, Mar. 28.

Intense interest is being taken in the court-martial arising out of the incidents on board H. M. S. Royal Oak at Malta. The place thronged with Pressmen and photographers, though the naval authorities and the Navy generally in accordance with tradition is maintaining a strict silence on the matter.

It is understood that the Court, which opens to-morrow (Friday) will have Rear-Admiral C. S. Townsend (Rear-Admiral in charge of Gibraltar) as President, and that the Members will be: Rear-Admiral L. G.Preston, Third Cruiser Squadron, Rear-Admiral Hon. Herbert Meade, commander Mediterranean destroyer flotillas, Rear-Admiral Kerr, and Rear-Admiral W. Tomkinson, Chief of Staff to Sir Roger Keyes until his retirement last year.

Hotels Besieged.

Captain Dewar, Commander Daniel and Mr. Day Kimball, their legal adviser, motored off to an unknown destination, doubtless in order to prepare their defence, and thereby escaping the crowd of would-be interviewers, photographers and sightseers, who are besieging the entrances to the hotels where the principal actors in the naval drama are staying.

It is revealed that the charge against Captain Kenneth Dewar and Commander H. M. Daniel, who were in executive positions on board H.M.S. Royal Oak, is laid under Section 43 of the Naval Discipline Act laying down that anyone guilty of any act or disorder or neglect to the prejudice of the good order of naval discipline be dismissed from His Majesty's Service with disgrace, or otherwise punished.

Penalties Involved.

Dismissal with disgrace involves the forfeiture of pension, all medals and decorations and an incapacity to serve His Majesty again in any way, naval, military, air force or Civil Service.

This may, however, under the section be modified to simple dismissal from the service, or dismissal from the ship to which the offender, or offenders, belong.—*Reuter.*

Criticised Rear-Admiral.

Commander Daniel is charged with an act of prejudice to good order and discipline in that when ordered by Captain Dewar to report on certain events connected with the departure of Rear-Admiral Collard from H.M.S. Royal Oak on the evening of March 5th, he addressed to Captain Dewar a letter, the terms of which were subversive of discipline.

Secondly, he is charged that being then Commander of H.M.S. Royal Oak, on being ordered to report the events in connexion with Rear-Admiral Collard's departure he addressed to Captain Dewar a letter the terms of which were contrary to King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions in that they contained remarks and criticisms on the conduct and orders of his superior officer.

Captain Dewar's Part.

Captain Dewar is charged, firstly, with an act of prejudice to good order and discipline in that he accepted and forwarded to Vice-Admiral J. D. Kelly, commanding First Battle Squadron, through Rear-Admiral Bernard Collard, the letter addressed to him by Commander Daniel, the terms whereof were subversive of discipline.

Captain Dewar is also charged with accepting and forwarding to Admiral Kelly through Admiral Collard, the letter addressed to him by Commander Daniel, which letter was contrary to King's Regulations and Admiralty Instructions in that it contained remarks and criticisms on the conduct and orders of his superior officer, Rear-Admiral Collard.

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SERIOUS RIOTING IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA POLICE FIRE ON STRIKERS.

2 KILLED IN AFFRAY.

Calcutta, Mar. 28.

Serious rioting has occurred, and the police were forced to fire on the mob, the disturbances arising out of the railway dispute and the lock-out by the East Indian Railway of the staff of the Lilloah workshops.

A clash between the Police and the men, who went on strike and were locked out when the Company refused to accede to their demands, led to serious disorders and the Police eventually fired, killing two and wounding five others.

The trouble began with 2,000 strikers attempting to persuade non-strikers to join them. The Police tried to dissuade them and shortly afterwards they began to stone the police and a detachment of the Eastern Frontier Rifles.

The officer in charge of the Rifles and a Police superintendent were injured by stones, after which the firing was ordered. Two strikers were killed.—*Reuter.*

GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE.

STRESEMANN HAS NO FEAR OF FAILURE.

INDIGNANT DENIAL.

Berlin, Mar. 28.

Dr. Stresemann delivered an important speech on the disarmament question at a banquet given by the Foreign Press Association in Berlin to members of the Government and of the Diplomatic Corps.

Speaking on the failure of the Geneva Disarmament Conference to come to a definite conclusion, Dr. Stresemann hotly denied the insinuation that Germany really did not wish general disarmament, but, rather, the right to arm herself.

Dr. Stresemann refused to believe in the final failure of the League of Nations on the disarmament question. He declared that the League dared not fail, for it had a duty which, if not fulfilled, must lead to serious consequences.

The leading military States had now to speak, and Dr. Stresemann hoped that their expectations would not be disappointed. Despite all criticisms and disappointment, he had not abandoned hope that the great idea of peace would prevail for the benefit of humanity.—*Reuter.*

NICARAGUA FINDS A WAY OUT.

AMERICAN SUPERVISION OF THE ELECTIONS.

Managua, Mar. 28.

The Cabinet has resigned at the request of General Diaz to enable him to select unanimous supporters of his policy of American supervision of the elections.

Some of the Ministers mildly opposed the course pursued by the President, presumably under the influence of Dr. Chamorro, who is generally credited with having been responsible for blocking the passage of the McCoy Bill, which authorised American supervision.

Senor Pesos, the Foreign Minister, is putting up as the Conservative candidate for the Presidency.—*Reuter's American Service.*

RUMANIA PAYING HER WAR DEBTS.

AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE SIGNED.

Paris, Mar. 28.

The French and Rumanian representatives signed the War Debt Agreement this morning, fixing the Rumanian debt at 525,000,000 francs.

The debt is payable in 62 annuities beginning with 1,261,000 gold francs in 1928, and then progressing gradually to 22,576,950 francs in 1989.—*Havas.*

SECRET WIRELESS MESSAGES.

DUTCH INVENTOR IN HONGKONG.

SAYS TEN MESSAGES CAN BE SENT SIMULTANEOUSLY.

U.S. NAVY INTERESTED.

Claiming to have discovered a method by which absolute secrecy can be guaranteed in radio messages and that at least ten spoken conversations can be transmitted simultaneously, Mr. W. B. Van Druten, a young Dutchman from Batavia, is at present in Hongkong en route to Manila, where he is to give a demonstration of his invention to the American naval authorities.

Mr. Van Druten called at the *Telegraph* offices this morning and was extremely enthusiastic over his invention, for the rights of which he has been offered 225,000 guilders by the Dutch East Indies Government.

Hopes of $500,000.

This offer remains still open, but the inventor states that he has been approached by the U. S. Naval Department, to whom he has offered the patent rights for half a million dollars gold. He is hopeful that the demonstrations which he is to carry out at Cavite, in the Philippines, will be so satisfactory that that offer will be accepted.

Before getting into touch with the American naval authorities, Mr Van Druten approached the British Consul-General in Batavia, but the latter could not do more than offer to pay the inventor's expenses to London in order that he might approach the British Government, and at the moment Mr. Van Druten does not feel inclined to make the trip.

Accidental Discovery.

Mr. Van Druten, who is a radio expert, says that he made the discovery quite accidentally in October last, when he was conducting experiments on totally different lines. He has tried out his apparatus, with much success, between Batavia and Bandoeng and between Batavia and Sourabaya, and says that it would be equally effective over long distances.

The inventor explained that his apparatus is used in conjunction with ordinary wireless receiving and transmitting sets, and that for each instrument the cost would not exceed $100 (Hongkong currency). It can be used, he added, for ordinary cable telegraphy, as well as wireless telegraphy or telephony; and absolute secrecy is assured.

Experts' Search.

For many years past, radio and cable experts have been seeking to discover some such method of secret telegraphy and telephony, and he considers himself extremely fortunate to have succeeded in the task.

He is at present staying at the Hongkong Hotel, and during his visit to our office he showed us official documents which leave no doubt as to the offer made by the Dutch East Indies Government or as to the arrangements for a demonstration to the U. S. naval authorities in the Philippines.

BRITAIN TAKES LESS CRUDE RUBBER.

DECREASE IN YEAR OF OVER 20 PER CENT.

London, Mar. 28.

In the House of Commons today, replying to questions, Colonel Woodcock Williams, of the Board of Trade, said that the total of crude rubber imported into Britain last month was 20,000,000 pounds, valued at £1,300,000.

The respective figures for February, 1927, were 27,500,000 pounds, and £2,200,000.—*Reuter.*

LIGHT BLUES WIN AGAIN.

VICTORY IN JUBILEE GOLF MATCH.

London, Mar. 28.

The Jubilee Inter-Varsity golf match was played at Sandwich today, Cambridge defeating Oxford by eight matches to six, while one was halved.—*Reuter.*

MEXICAN PETROL LAW DISPUTE.

TEN YEARS CONTROVERSY AT AN END.

OWNERSHIP RIGHTS.

Washington, Mar. 28.

The way was opened to a settlement of the dispute over the Mexican petroleum laws, when the Mexican Supreme Court decided in November that cutting down the rights of the oil companies to fifty years would be unconstitutional.

Mr. Frank Kellogg has always expressed the view that limitation to fifty years was confiscatory.

Mr. Dwight Morrow, the U.S. Ambassador, also secured a decision to give a more liberal interpretation to "positive acts" or the physical work required to make ownership of the oil lands acquired before 1917 effective.

The new regulations enumerate such acts as leasing, drilling, and generally doing any other positive act, or manifesting any intention of the character similar to those described. It was announced yesterday that President Calles had signed the new regulations.

Washington, Mar. 28.

On the conclusion of a telephone conversation with the Ambassador at Mexico City, the State Department announced that the ten-year-old diplomatic controversy with Mexico for the rights of foreign petroleum companies "appeared to have been brought to a practical conclusion." Henceforth the difficulties will be settled by the Mexican administration courts.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GERMAN ATLANTIC FLIGHT HAMPERED.

Observatory Refuses Weather Reports.

"100 PER CENT. SUICIDE."

Berlin, Mar. 28.

The Meteorological Observatory at Hamburg refuses to issue official weather forecasts for the benefit of Captain Koehl and Baron Von Huehnefeld, declaring that a Transatlantic flight at the present time would be "100 per cent. suicide" in view of the unfavourable weather conditions.—*Reuter.*

Y.M.C.A. WORK FOR TROOPS.

ARMY COUNCIL'S THANKS FOR HELP IN CHINA.

London, Mar. 28.

The Army Council has written to Sir Arthur Yapp expressing high appreciation of the services of the Y.M.C.A. with the forces in China, saying that Sir John Duncan has spoken most highly in this connexion since his return from Shanghai.

The Council say that the work of the Association was never more welcome than in China during the present emergency and "the response of the Y.M.C.A. on this occasion had been in accordance with the high tradition they have established of helpful co-operation of the soldiers' interest."—*Reuter.*

WAR DEBT AGREEMENT.

Washington, Mar. 28.

The Senate has passed the Jugo-Slav. War Debt settlement providing for the payment of over $62,000,000 in sixty years.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PARIS-NEW YORK TELEPHONE.

Paris, Mar. 28.

The Paris-New York telephone via London, was ceremoniously inaugurated to-day.—*Reuter.*

TENSE SITUATION AT AMOY.

ANGRY CHINESE MOBS DISPERSED.

JAPANESE ACCUSED OF TEARING UP CHINESE FLAG.

STRIKE DECIDED ON.

The situation in Amoy, according to Chinese telegrams, appears to be becoming more serious, and it is feared that if the trouble is not settled very shortly, untoward incidents may occur, despite the fact that the Chinese authorities have declared Martial Law and are taking vigilant measures to preserve order.

Five more Japanese warships have arrived at the port, making six in all.

Formosans Unload Cargo.

On Tuesday morning, according to a telegraphic report, when the s.s. Hozan Maru arrived from Swatow, the Japanese warships sent two armed motor boats, equipped with machine guns, to accompany the cargo junks alongside the vessel to discharge the merchandise. Formosans undertook the work of unloading.

When the news spread that the Japanese were able in this way to discharge cargo from the Hozan Maru, thousands of Chinese gathered on the shore and displayed an ugly mood. The Chinese Military Headquarters immediately sent a large party of armed police to the Bund to prevent any untoward events and these later dispersed the crowd.

Japanese Arrest Pickets.

During Tuesday afternoon, eight pickets of the anti-Japanese Society were detained by Japanese sailors from the warships.

One Chinese report says that not only were the pickets detained, but the Japanese sailors also tore up a Chinese flag.

This action on the part of the Japanese caused much excitement amongst the Chinese and so threatening did their attitude become that the Chinese officials had to send out considerable numbers of armed police and soldiers on patrol duty.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry lost no time in negotiating with the Japanese naval officers for the release of the eight pickets, who were released at eight o'clock the same evening.

Strike Decided On.

A big mass meeting of Chinese was held the same evening and it was resolved to call a general strike of all the Chinese labourers and to close all business shops on Wednesday morning as a protest, and to urge the Nationalist Government to take action.

On the whole, the city remains quiet, but the situation is very tense.

NEW YORK SHARES STEADIER.

GENERAL MOTORS RETAIN HIGH LEVEL.

New York, Mar. 28.

At the opening of the Stock Market to-day, the first transaction in General Motors, which closed last evening at $190.50, was a block of 7,700 shares which changed hands at $190.

A block of 1,200 Radio Corporation stock was sold at $160.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GOLD SHIPMENT TO GERMANY.

SPECIAL TRANSACTION WITH REICHSBANK.

New York, Mar. 28.

As the result of a special transaction with the Reichsbank, a shipment of gold valued at $5,000,000 was sent to Germany to-day. It forms part of $16,000,000 despatched there in the course of the past fourteen days.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NANKING AWAITING VERDICT.

WUHAN MILITARY CHIEFS MEET IN CHANGSHA.

JOIN MOVE ON PEKING?

Hankow, Mar. 28.

Monday's session of the conference at Changsha between the military chiefs of Hunan and Hupeh, passed a resolution advocating agreement with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's immediate push against the Northern forces.

It was not however decided what material form their assistance would take.

Interest is now centred upon the arrival of General Li Chung-yen, who left for Hankow from Nanking early this week. It has been reported that he is accompanied by General Chan Ming-chiu, the Cantonese, and right-hand man of Marshal Li Chai-sum.

The opinion is expressed that upon Li Chung-yen's views, will depend what part will be played by the Wuhan authorities in the Northern Expedition. General Hu Tsung-tu arrived at Changsha this morning.

In Hankow, daily executions of suspected Communists continue. A further six were executed yesterday.—*Reuter.*

EMPIRE SCHEME FOR AGRICULTURE.

CONFERENCE'S IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS.

SCIENTIFIC EFFORT.

London, Mar. 28.

The Imperial Agricultural Research Conference which sat in London during October and toured Great Britain, has submitted its report to the Government.

The Conference recommends the creation of an Empire chain of agricultural research stations, the creation in the United Kingdom of clearing-houses of information in agricultural science to serve the whole Empire, and the recruitment of training and inter-change of scientific workers in agriculture for the whole Empire.

The stations suggested are Queensland, Ceylon, East Africa, West Africa, and Malaya. Ten highly qualified men should be the minimum staff.

Apart from capital expenditure, the annual maintenance would be about £20,000 for each station. The report emphasises the need for highly trained men for the Colonial agricultural service and suggests founding scholarships to promote agriculture.

The Report also recommends the establishment of "correspondence centres" and bureaux as smaller-scale clearing-stations, the funds for which £20,000 annually, to be administered by a body on which the Governments of the Dominions and India would be represented.—*Reuter.*

BRITAIN KEEPING FAITH.

MAJORITY OF CONVENTIONS RATIFIED.

London, Mar. 28.

Britain's position regarding Convention ratification was detailed by Sir Austen Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-day, in answer to a question by Mr. Rennie Smith.

Sir Austen said that thirty-four Conventions, Protocols and so on, had been concluded under the auspices of the League of Nations, of which number Great Britain had signed thirty.

H.M. the King had ratified 24 in respect of Britain.—*Reuter.*

BOMBAY BANK CLOSES DOORS.

SECOND INDIAN FAILURE IN A WEEK.

Bombay, Mar. 28.

The Bombay Merchants' Bank, a small concern with a capital of ten lakhs of rupees, which started in business about twenty years ago, has suspended payment.

The Shilotri Bank closed its doors last week.—*Reuter.*

LEE HYSAN LIBEL ACTION.

DEFENDANT CROSS-EXAMINED.

MR. ALABASTER SUGGESTS A JEKYLL AND HYDE.

MACAO BANKRUPTCY.

Mr. Lee Hysan was cross-examined by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., in the Supreme Court this morning, when the case was resumed in which Mr. Pedro Jose Lobo of Macao sues Mr. Lee Hysan for damages for libel.

Mr. Alabaster first dealt with the Yau Sing Company and, in reply to his questions, Mr. Lee Hysan said that the first time he saw a share receipt was when he got Fung's letter.

The share receipt did not say that the Yau Sing Co. had anything to do with the opium monopoly?—There was nothing in the receipt to that effect.

You wanted to get some evidence from the compradore of the Mercantile Bank?—I got that information first and then the letter. In reply to further questions witness said that the receipt did not bear out that the Yau Sing company was the opium farmer.

Who is Lee Yue Sing?

The Yue Sing company was a business of which a Mr. Lee Yue Sing was the sole proprietor?—Yes.

Who is he?—My nephew, my elder brother's son.

Is there any Yue Sing Company in which there are shareholders and with which you are connected?—No.

A document was produced and Mr. Lee Hysan was asked if that was a share certificate. He replied that it was a receipt for money invested under conditions.

Mr. Alabaster said the document possessed a number, 3,021 and that the actual capital of $3,000,000 was mentioned. It was also stated that the man to whom it was addressed was willing to pay $500 as share money in the capital. The managing directors were named as Mr. Lee Hysan and another while Fung and Butt were given as managers.

Mr. Alabaster.—Do you say that the Yue Sing company is a company carrying on business under the sole proprietorship of your nephew?—Yes. If you want to go further look up the company's conditions.

Was Mr. Lee Kin Fu a shareholder?—No.

Macao Lease.

Has he taken proceedings against you in bankruptcy to get that company wound up?—*Ex parte.*

Mr. Potter said he could not see what bearing this had on the libel action. There had been proceedings taken in bankruptcy in Macao—very extraordinary proceedings—which were now under appeal at the moment. He said he would ask His Lordship to prevent any attempt to get information which could be used.

Sir Henry Gollan said Mr. Alabaster would only use the point in so far as it affected credit and not get particulars.

Mr. Alabaster said that he was suggesting, as he had suggested in his opening, that the company was a Jekyll and Hyde company. In point of fact proceedings were initiated to get the company wound up. Still dealing with the proceedings in Macao, Mr. Alabaster asked Mr. Lee Hysan if he appeared, and he replied in the negative, saying that he instructed his lawyer to attend.

An order has been made to wind the company up?—Yes, My lawyer has appealed.

No Shareholders.

The Macao courts have found there was a company and ordered it to be wound up. You say there was no company in which there were shareholders?—We only recognised money invested to bring a profit. There were no shareholders.

In reply to further questions on the same point, Mr. Lee Hysan said it was not a company because if it had been it would have been illegal.

Then why did you call yourself managing director?—I called myself the general manager.

Then you say the Court translation is incorrect?—If you will

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ANNUAL MEETING OF HONGKONG SOCIETY.

A year of useful activities was reported by the Chairman at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals which took place in the Board Room in Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Building, last evening.

Mr. D. H. Blake, President of the Society took the Chair, and there were also present, Mr. H. V. Parker (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. B. O. Blaker (Hon. Secretary), Mr. A. Stevenson, Lady Pollock, and other members and friends of the Society.

The Chairman, in his review, said:

The past year has been a busy one for the S. P. C. A. The President, Sir Henry Pollock and Lady Pollock who have been so prominently connected with the work of the Society for many years past left the Colony for a well earned leave of absence. Unfortunately on their return Sir Henry Pollock stated that owing to his many public duties he did not feel that he could continue to act as President and therefore resigned. He however has consented to act as a Member of the Committee and to give us the benefit of his valuable assistance. Lady Pollock is also an active Member of the Committee. We are all very glad to see them in such an excellent state of health after their well earned holiday.

During the past year there has been correspondence in the newspapers as to the work of the Society and it has been most gratifying to notice what interest the general public does take in the Society. Owing to the nature of our work it is difficult to bring ourselves generally before the public.

Three Inspectors.

The Committee employs three Inspectors namely, Messrs. Hudson, Woodyear and O'Brien. It is their duty to visit the markets in Hongkong and the New Territories, wharves, railway stations, bird shops and other places where live animals are to be found in captivity or transport and to do their best to teach the Chinese how to treat beasts without causing them undue suffering or pain. It is the experience of the Inspectors that coolies and others in charge of animals are willing to learn and as a rule suffering is caused through thoughtlessness rather than from any actual cruelty and desire to cause pain.

The Society have rebuilt a portion of the Dogs' Home in Kowloon and have erected permanent offices in the place of the matshed that was demolished in a typhoon. The new buildings have been so constructed that in the event of the Government requiring the site the same can be pulled down and reconstructed at little cost in another position. The Home is clean and well kept. Persons who are about to proceed on leave and cannot find friends to look after their dogs are well advised to leave them at the Dogs' Home. The Police and others who find stray dogs of good breed send them to the Dogs' Home to be looked after and if they are not claimed the Society attempt to find homes for them. If members of the public require dogs we hope they will make a call at the Dogs' Home and see if they can find one there that takes their fancy.

The Dogs' Home will also accept dogs suffering from disease and attend to them during their treatment and cure.

Unwanted dogs are also taken in and other homes are found for them or they are despatched in a humane manner.

The Rabies Scare.

During the period under review the Authorities have been conducting an Anti-Rabies campaign in the Colony and firm preventive measures have been adopted which have been embodied in the Dogs' Ordinance 1927 and the Regulations made thereunder. This legislation was considered by the Committee and a deputation waited upon and were courteously received by the Acting Colonial Secretary, the Captain Superintendent of Police and the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon. The following is a precis of the discussion at the meeting:

At the outset it was admitted that Rabies is so terrible a disease that the most drastic measures must be taken for the elimination of it and for the prevention of further outbreaks. The Colony is a particularly difficult territory to control. Dogs can enter from across the border into the New Territories; dogs may be brought into the Colony by junks, steamers and other vessels. It is almost impossible for the Police or other Authorities to control the importation of dogs. The Authorities have insisted upon the observance of the Muzzling Regulation. Dog Patrols have been in operation which have done their best to catch unmuzzled dogs and place them in detention. The Officers on this duty have reported that dogs are often very elusive and when caught were sometimes dangerous to handle. The system in operation is to noose the dog with a rattan noose and then place the animal in a small cage and conduct it to the nearest place of detention. Other systems of catching dogs were discussed, particularly the use of a net. This method has been tried in other cities but apparently a dog is much more likely to struggle and hurt itself in a net than in a noose and there is also a difficulty in getting a dog out of a net. Reports have it that some of the users of the net render the dogs unconscious with a hammer before attempting to release the beasts. We were assured that from practical experience the noose is the more efficient and humane.

Shooting of Dogs.

The question of the shooting of dogs was also discussed at the conference and we were assured that this was a most unpopular duty among the Police and that the extreme penalty was only inflicted in cases where dogs could not be caught. It may be that some owners feel that their dogs have suffered death unnecessarily but I would ask them to consider the agonies suffered by the victims, fortunately few in number, of Rabies in this Colony.

It was suggested by the Deputation that preferential treatment should be given to dogs that had been innoculated, but at present the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon is not prepared to make any recommendations. The rabies bacillus apparently varies in strength in different parts of the world and therefore a vaccine which is for example efficacious in France may be of no effect in the U. S. A. Experiments, are now being conducted by the Veterinary Department in the Colony and so soon as they can give an authoritative statement it will be published.

The Boy Scouts.

The Society is co-operating with the Boy Scouts Organisation in promoting an annual competition for Boy Scouts. Every year a scheme will be given to each Boy Scout Unit wishing to compete, embodying some research or investigation relating to natural history which will be worked out by the Unit and developed in the form of an essay which will be submitted as the product of the Unit. The essays will be judged and the winning Unit will receive a challenge cup for one year and a momento. Sir Henry Pollock has presented a handsome challenge cup. Mr. Finnigan is the originator of this competition and we thank him and Mr. Waldegrave on the work they have done in completing it. We look forward with interest to the first competition which will take place quite soon.

It is to be an essay to be written as the result of a trip to be taken from Happy Valley to Aberdeen, via Queen's Road, Central Market, Dairy Farm and Victoria Road. The competitors are to state what birds and animals they saw, what they were doing and under what conditions they were kept. Weather conditions were to be noted, etc. Suggestions were also to be given as to improvements which might be indicated.

In these days of flapper voters and the like, the ladies expect equal treatment and we are anticipating every day to be approached by the Girl Guide Organisation for a similar competition. I am sure we shall welcome such overtures and will be happy to arrange for the Girl Guide Units also to compete in a similar scheme.

Subscriptions.

In the past it was the custom of the Society to publish a list of all subscribers of $2 or upwards and to call them Members of the Society. This has been discontinued for the reason that many of our best subscribers particularly desire that their names shall not be mentioned. We would much rather regard the Society as being the property of the community at large and feel that we are at the call of animal lovers whether they be subscribers or not. We welcome suggestions from anyone and will do our best to investigate any reports of cruelty to animals.

The question of subscribers brings us to the accounts. Dealing first with the Dogs' Home account it will be observed that this is in a satisfactory condition. Thanks to Sir Robert Ho Tung's Endowment Fund and to a donation by Mr. Patell of $300 which he has given for so many years.

The Accounts.

The General Account requires more careful attention. We have no endowment fund but rely upon donations. The Hongkong Government gave us $2,500 under an arrangement that they would give $1 for every dollar collected from outside subscriptions up to a maximum of $2,500. The Jockey Club gave us a subscription of $1,000. The balance was collected from the general public. As you may remember we organised a drive throughout the offices and shops in the central district of Hongkong. This was received well by the public who appreciated that they were being asked for subscriptions for the year and that desultory applications would not be made from time to time. By means of this drive we obtained subscriptions from well over 1,000 individuals. We have their names recorded upon the collecting cards and it is proposed that in the present year a similar drive will be made. If we are supported in this effort we shall be able to continue our work on its present scale.

The principal expenditure of the Society is in salaries to Inspectors. I have already indicated the work that they do. Three Inspectors have been employed by the Society for several years and having regard to the size of the area that they have to cover I do not regard their number as excessive. These Inspectors are always ready to make enquiries as to cruelty to animals and will do their best to teach wrong doers to mend their ways and if necessary will institute proceedings in the legal Courts. The Society does not encourage legal proceedings as they feel that more good can be done by pursuasion than by punishment.

Appreciation.

You will observe that Mr. H. V. Parker of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has acted as Honorary Treasurer of the Society. He is always glad to receive subscriptions on behalf of the Society.

The Society desire to express their thanks to the Jockey Club for their donation of $1,000 and express the hope that it will be renewed; to Mr. M. J. Patell for kindly again giving $300 towards the feeding of the dogs in the Dogs' Home; to the Ladies of the Committee who so ably carried out the collection of subscriptions; to Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. Ltd., for the use of their Board Room for our Committee Meetings and Annual General Meetings and last but far from least to the Press for the very kind assistance that they have given to the Society on many occasions and particularly in connexion with the drive for the collection of subscriptions.

With these remarks I beg leave to move the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts and after that has been seconded any matters connected with the report and accounts will be open for discussion.

Officers Elected.

The Accounts showed that $9,980 was paid as salaries to inspectors, while other expenditure was in connexion with the upkeep of the Dogs Home, and sundry expenses. The revenue amounted to nearly $9,000 from subscriptions and donations, and from the income derived from the Sir Robert Ho Tung Endowment Fund. The Government made a grant of $2,500 while Mr. M. J. Patell also donated a sum of $300 during the year.

Mr. A. Stevenson seconded the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The following officers were elected for the present year: President: Mr. D. H. Blake; Vice President, Mr. W. B. Finnigan, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. H. V. Parker; Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. O. Blaker. A large and representative general Committee were also elected.

Mr. J. Russell, of Quarry Bay, expressed himself as being much concerned with the shooting of dogs against which there was a complaint from Quarry Bay. He asked what the procedure was to become a member, and suggested that membership on the General Committee be extended to represent every district. He also suggested that a membership list should be drawn up, not necessarily with the view to publication, but to give added interest to the work of the Society. Incidentally, the Society would be assured of a more or less stable revenue from subscriptions.

Secret Gifts.

The Chairman pointed out that some of their donors were reluctant to have their names disclosed as would necessarily be the case where a membership list was given. Much work could be done by members who came forward with practicable suggestions and the Society would make it a point to carry these out where feasible. However, he promised to bring the whole question of membership before the next meeting of the General Committee, and invited Mr. Russell to serve on it.

Mr. Russell also expressed the view that much useful work coming within the scope of the Society could be done by the holding of, for instance, an Animal Welfare Week, or an Animal Show to demonstrate what the animals could be like when well-treated.

After further discussion, the meeting terminated. A vote of thanks was given for the Chairman and other officials, and also for the ladies who attended the meeting.

POLISH METHOD.

NOISY COMMUNISTS ARE EJECTED.

Warsaw, Mar. 28.

"Gentlemen you will be thrown out," remarked the Prime Minister, Pilsudski, in a matter of fact voice to Communists who were constantly shouting and interrupting him while Pilsudski was reading the Presidential message on opening the final session of the Diet.

Pilsudski maintained his temper wonderfully, his supporters counter-demonstrating. Finally the Minister of the Interior and a posse of police entered, and seized and dragged out five of the noisiest Communists.

A Socialist candidate was elected Speaker of the Diet against Government a candidate, which is a greater blow to the Government than it appears.—*Reuter.*

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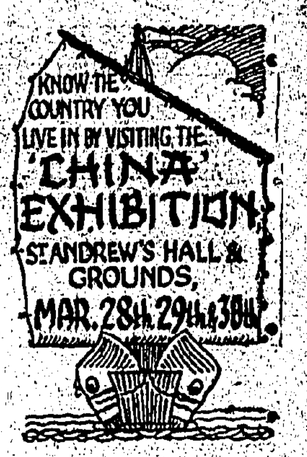

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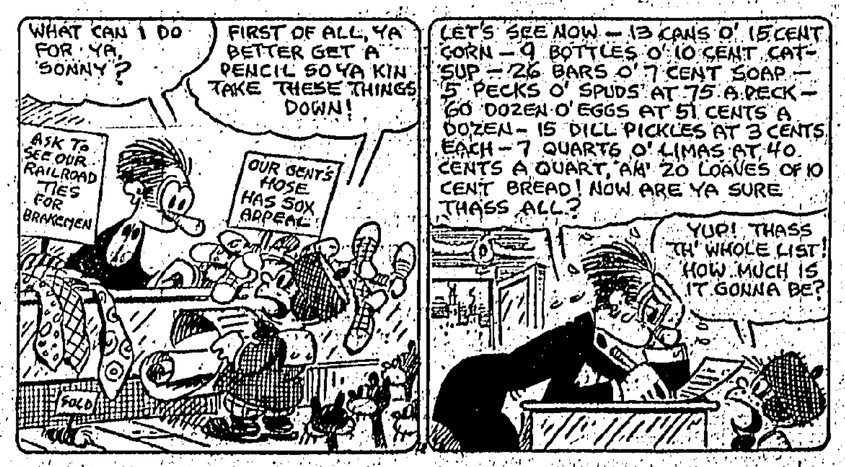

The senior football team of the S. M. C. Public School for Boys. Standing: Schuetto, Velvig, Johnston, Marco, White, Morgan; sitting; Chue, Moosdon, Symons, Roberts, Greenberg, Cochran, Mr. W. E. Tingle, sports master, is standing in the rear.

Group taken outside the main entrance of the Shanghai Public School for Boys, of the Hockey Team. Left to right, standing; Taylor, F. Bojesen, White, K. Roberts, A. Symons, J. Soakin; seated, C. Morgan, Bojesen, H. Whitcher, Taylor, O. Moosdon, J. Karanjia. Standing behind is Mr. W. E. Tingle, boxing instructor and games master.

Major-General Chang Ting-fang, Mayor of Greater Shanghai (above), planting a tree on Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Memorial Day, Below; General Hsiung Shih-hui, Shanghai Garrison Commander, about to plant a tree.

When he is not in the ring, Gene Tunney picks his own playmates. Above he is shown before a round of golf in Florida with George Ade, celebrated humorist, on his right, and Fred Todd, millionaire Youngstown steel man, and Gene Sarazen on his left.

A true personification of the out-door winter gaiety at Palm Beach is piquant Betty Thorsen, of Bronxville, N. Y., caught here by the camera about to shed her beach robe and plunge into the surf.

The annual dinner of the Asiatic Society held recently at the Sun Sun Hotel Shanghai, Professor H. P. Shastri presiding. Left to right: Mr. Wu San, Mr. Kao, Mr. Willer Choi, S. Sadhu, S. H. C. Singh, Dr. James Woo, Dr. C. T. Wong, Mrs. Woo, Mr. Wong (representing Marshal Feng), Prof. H. P. Shastri (President), Dr. H. H. Kung (representing General Chiang Kai-shek), Mrs. Shastri, Mr. Cuskuli, Mr. Suleiman, Mr. Chen.

Welshmen in Shanghai met for dinner at the Majestic Hotel on the feast of their country's patron saint. Mr. J. R. Jones presided, and Mr. Eric Davies was in the vice-chair. Sir Sidney Barton, Mr. S. Fessenden, Col. Matthias and the officers of the Welch Regiment, were guests of honour. During dinner and afterwards the band of the Welch Regiment played several national airs and an amateur chorus gave a number of tuneful glees in the native tongue.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 7th April, and on Monday 9th April, 1928, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 29th March, 1928.

NOTICE.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

The Twenty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the above Club will be held in the Clubhouse on FRIDAY, 30th March, 1928, at 6 p.m. prompt.

A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

The Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on MONDAY, the 2nd of April, 1928, at 11 a.m.

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(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by adding to the end of Article 19 the following words:—

"Or as from the second day of April, 1928, at such other rate of interest as the Directors may from time to time determine."

Should the above mentioned Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the same time and place on MONDAY, the 16th day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

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Hongkong, 14th March, 1928.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th March, 1928, to the 4th April, 1928, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1928.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at P. and O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, the Second day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the following Resolution passed as an Extraordinary Resolution on the 16th day of March, 1928 as a Special Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of $3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of $10 each, to $6,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of $10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on Monday, the Second day of April, 1928 at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby, authorised to capitalise the sum of $1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."
2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share."

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Singapore Tractions, 11/9 b.

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SUCCESSOR APPOINTED TO PEI CHUNG-HSI.

Shanghai, Mar. 28.

A message from Nanking says the Government Council has appointed Chien Ta-chun, commander of the Thirty-second Army, as commander of the Shanghai and Woosung Gendarmerie, in succession to Pei Chung-hsi.—*Reuter.*

"It is far more important to save a man from going to the devil than it is to save a person from drowning."—The Bishop of Newcastle.

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One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

Paris, March 2.—A labourer working on a farm near Caen bet two of his friends that he could drink more beer than they. The three went to a neighbouring cafe and the contest began. The labourer won his bet with a score of twenty-eight glasses, by which time he was too drunk to continue. He died a few hours later from the effects.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

CAUSES OF HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE.

A PUZZLE TO SCIENCE.

It is generally known that many diseases appear constantly in certain families. Physicians believe that the disease itself is not hereditary but that the person inherits a certain type of body structure which makes him especially susceptible to the condition concerned.

High blood pressure has been investigated in many laboratories, but thus far no definite causes has been found for it. All sorts of theories have been held and have been investigated, but the results have in general been negative.

There are persons who assert that the disease is due to eating too much meat, to the taking of alcohol, to the use of tobacco, or salt, and indeed that worry plays a considerable part in its onset. Some say that excesses of all kinds are primarily responsible.

On the other hand, there does not appear to be any scientific evidence to indicate the exact proportion to which any single excess may be responsible.

There are already accumulating in medical literature numerous records of entire families who suffered with hypertension and who die of brain hemorrhage, chronic inflammation of the kidneys, or other conditions associated with high blood pressure. An investigation made by Mortensen led him to the conviction that high blood pressure is definitely hereditary, and that there are associated with the peculiar type of body structure certain changes in the manner with which the body digests protein substances.

These facts should not cause anyone to despair of the usefulness of good hygiene. Perhaps it will not add greatly to the length of life of a person who is a member of a notoriously short lived family. It will, however, make him feel a good deal better during most of the short period that he may have to live.

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TO-DAY'S FILMS.

LON CHANEY'S WEIRD NEW PICTURE.

Lon Chaney has perhaps one of the strangest roles of his career in "The Unknown," the mystery film which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day until Saturday. The story deals with a sinister armless side-show freak, who, from his hiding place in a circus, is the guiding brain of an underworld gang of criminals.

During the film Lon Chaney displays uncanny skill with his feet, using them to eat, drink, smoke shave and throw knives! Other members of the cast include Joan Crawford, as the circus girl whom the freak comes to love; Norman Kerry as the strong man who also claims her hand; and Nick de Ruiz as Zanzi, a strange dwarfish figure who knows the freak's amazing secret. "The Unknown" is a weird romance, with a thrilling climax. It is a picture that will be remembered.

An added attraction at the Queen's Theatre during the run of "The Unknown" is the return engagement of Miss Chee Toy, the charming Chinese singer, who will render popular new song numbers from her repertoire. Miss Chee Toy will appear at all four shows and her return will give general pleasure.

"The Runaway."

The new picture at the Star Theatre to-day, "The Runaway," is an exciting story of the Kentucky mountains, with a little New York movie actress hiding from justice and causing a tremendous conflict between two powerful clans. The mysterious shooting of a wealthy young New Yorker in a Tennessee city, the girl's flight from the scene of the tragedy, her plea to a young mountaineer to shelter her and the drama that results when the "dead" man appears in the mountain settlement seeking vengeance, lend suspense to the story. Clara Bow is the girl, Warner Baxter the mountaineer, and William Powell the New Yorker. Set in the heart of the Kentucky mountains the picture is notable for its beautiful background. "The Runaway" will be screened at the Star Theatre until Saturday.

"Orphans of the Storm."

An exceptionally large cast headed by Lillian and Dorothy Gish, Joseph Skildraut, Sheldon Lewis, Creighton Hale and Monte Blue is only one feature of "Orphans of the Storm," which is to be shown at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. Dealing as it does with the French revolution, the picture is lavish in its settings of that period, while D. W. Griffiths, the eminent director, has spared no trouble or expense in reproducing the atmosphere of the time with the utmost realism. "Orphans of the Storm" is a picture that can be seen again and again, so perfect is it in every detail.

A GOOD YEAR.

BRITAIN'S REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE.

London, Mar. 28.

The financial year which ends next Saturday will almost certainly close with a surplus of revenue over expenditure, for the first time for three years.

The Treasury returns for the last week, with a revenue of £31,000,000, showed a surplus of nearly £9,000,000.

The total revenue for the year now exceeds £818,000,000 while the expenditure to date is £600,000 less than that sum.

At the corresponding date of last year, the expenditure was higher and the revenue lower, and there was a deficiency of over £37,000,000.

The floating debt was reduced last week by over £9,000,000.—*British Wireless.*

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Clothes Care.

BETTER FOR AN OCCASIONAL REST.

Like everything else in this life, clothes are the better for an occasional rest, and garments that are worn alternately with others retain their smartness and shape far longer than those which are worn more or less continuously.

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This is specially true of stockinette. Wear a jumper suit for days on end and it will sag and bulge. But roll it lengthways, put it in a drawer for a few days in between times, and it will tend to recover its shape. Unfortunately this rest cure is not efficacious in the case of the more open-knitted woollens, which, when they drop, are shapeless for ever.

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Dust is the great enemy of cloth and felt. Do not rely alone upon your clothes brush, but wield a small cane upon the clothes at frequent intervals, and keep a piece of fine sandpaper at hand to rub off small stains from felt hats as they appear.

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Be sure cupboards and wardrobes are absolutely free from damp. Silk inevitably rots in too moist an atmosphere, and both cotton and linen become mildewed.

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Place worn clothes on a hanger immediately after removal, but leave them hanging in the room and do not put them away in the wardrobe. Dresses that have been worn all day, and perhaps under a coat, are creased and affected by the warmth of the body. If they are given an hour or two in the air they freshen up and more or less iron out their own creases. Otherwise those creases develop into permanent lines.

Smart Pyjamas.

Here are pictured smart pyjamas in Cheney silk. In the pattern are gaudy wind mills, electric signs and even sight-seeing buses.

Man the Martyr.

[BY LADY KITTY VINCENT.]

There is a legend that women do not feel pain as much as men, but certainly they know better than their husbands and brothers how to deal with it.

A man who is suffering from some slight ache or pain is a pathetic object and enough to upset a whole household. If he stays at home and gives himself a free day from the office it is ten to one that he will not go to bed. Oh, no! He sits huddled over the fire, shivering pathetically and resisting all efforts to better his condition.

"Go to bed, dear," says his wife, endeavouring to keep her voice kind and to hide her irritation. "I'll bring you up some nice hot soup and if you keep warm you'll be all right by to-morrow."

"Thank you, my dear," says the martyr. "I don't want to be a trouble to anybody. I can manage here very well. No, don't bother about food. I don't want to eat anything." Then he passes a hand across his aching brow and looks pathetic.

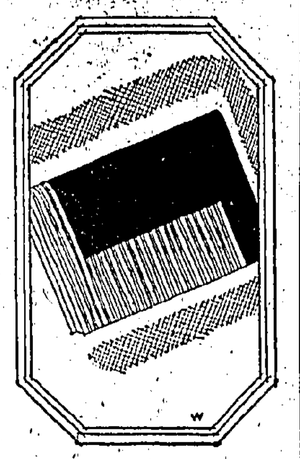
The whole household feel that it is callous to enjoy themselves or to make a noise, so they tip-toe about in a state of suppressed discomfort. Towards evening the sufferer rises from his chair and asks feebly for a thermometer. He resists all efforts to take it out of his mouth till at least five minutes have passed, and when he finds that it registers 99 degrees he gives himself up for lost.

He directs that the doctor shall be summoned and he is distinctly aggrieved when someone suggests that it is hardly worth while sending for him when a day in bed would work an instant cure. After the doctor has been and prescribed some treatment he feels better and insists upon getting up and having a bath, so that the next day he really has a temperature and probably is ill for a week.

"I can't make up my mind to give way," he says proudly to his friends when next he meets them. "Mary wouldn't believe how bad I was. I fancy I gave her a bit of a shock. But I hate being a nuisance and I carried on a bit too long."

Wonderful creatures, men!

Blue and Beige.



An envelope bag of navy blue calf, combined with superimposed strips of beige, is very smart.

Modern Dress.

THE PROBLEM OF SHOULDER-STRAPS.

Perhaps the most difficult feature of a dress to keep in order is the shoulder-strap. The worst offenders are those who wear their shoulder-straps too long a time. They are legion, for it is not always realized how the shoulder-strap has not only to cope with the ordinary features of dirt but it is also rubbing all the time against dresses and sleeves which are not continually washed and cleaned. The next worst offender is the owner of miscellaneous shoulder-straps, some of ribbons, some of tape, all of different widths and different shades of white.

Even when these are gathered up together with a clasp on the shoulder they have an untidy, dragged look. Finally, even the cleanest of shoulder-straps are very difficult, if not impossible, to maintain at their first whiteness. The only remedy is to scrap them before they take on the dingy hue of continual and difficult washing.

If the wearer of shoulder-straps is extravagant about nothing else she should attend to this conspicuous and revealing feature of modern dress. Some women attempt to get round the difficulty by wearing straps of beads. These manage, nevertheless, very soon to become dingy. Others boldly adopt colours. Peacock blue shoulder-straps made rather narrow are sometimes worn with white or pale under-garments, while the pink-beige tendency in underclothes also finds an echo in the shoulder-strap. Other people like black, at least for some of their straps. Anything is better than the dingy pinks, whites, and yellows which are the direct result of wearing straps too often and too long.

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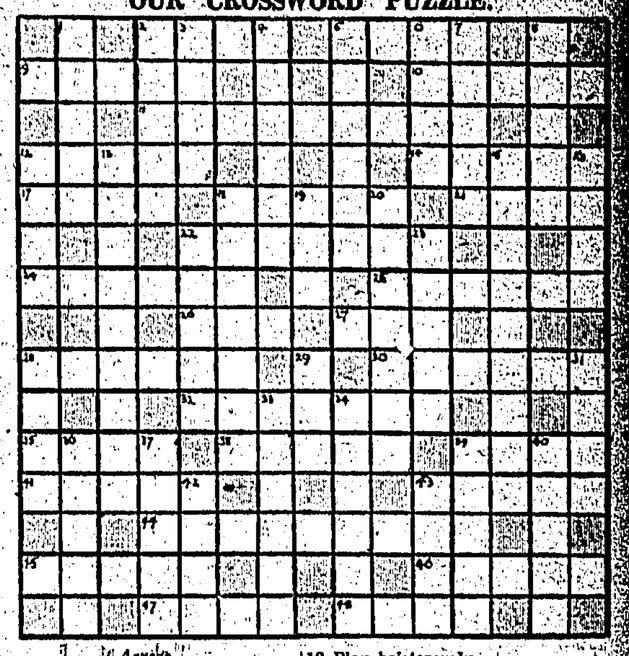

Across.

2 Press forward.
5 Floating vegetation on the Nile.
9 Earth.
10 Constellation of the Southern hemisphere.
11 Lay particular stress upon.
12 Public thoroughfares.
14 Tales.
17 Perfume from flowers.
18 Performed.
21 Sweet smelling flower.
22 Gallinaceous birds.
24 Carrier.
25 Be cautious.
26 Male child.
27 Consumed.
28 Fillet of silk.
30 Commands.
32 Fades.
35 Entrance.
38 Short tailed crustaceans.
39 Corrosive influence.
41 Butter-trees.
43 Part of a church.
44 Small dried fishes.
45 Longer delayed.
46 Weird.
47 Colours.
48 Deities.

Down.

1 Depository.
2 Genius of parasitic fungi.
3 Male sheep.
4 The science of duty.
5 A relative.
6 Sleepy.
7 Dismal.
8 Fabricates.
12 Play boisterously.
13 Ascribe.
15 Rose-like.
16 Wither.
18 Portaining to Aaron.
19 Drag.
20 Those who owe money.
22 Sow again.
23 Prophets.
28 Tattered garments.
29 Exclamation expressing triumph.
31 Satisfy.
33 Moves round.
34 Flowing back.
36 Huddled together.
37 Made comfortable.
39 Ascends.
40 Killed.
42 Active.
43 Old.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

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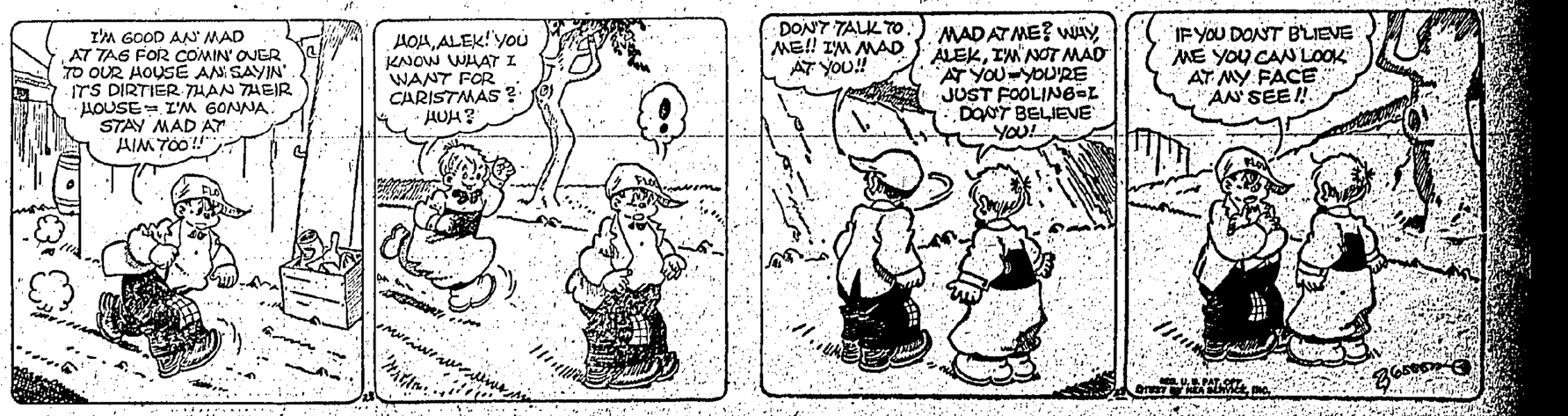

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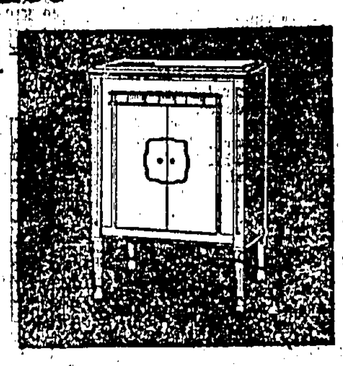

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THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1928.

SWATOW'S PLIGHT.

Readers of the *Telegraph* will have been somewhat prepared for the unwelcome news to hand from Swatow, stating that very serious apprehensions are felt regarding the possibility of Communists seizing control of the city. The frequent communications from our correspondent there during the past few weeks have made it clear that the situation has gradually been getting worse. More particularly have the advices published during the current week tended to point to the unfortunate developments which are now taking place. On Monday, it was reported that the Hai-Luk Fung Communists were making a drive up the coast towards Swatow, and that at the very point where they were converging, at Chaoyang, the Government troops were weakest. Then, on Tuesday, came news of disaffection in the Police Force, even to the extent of one division contemplating an attack on the Central Station, whilst one of the principal police officials was stated to be in league with Communists along the railway line. Drastic measures were taken by the authorities to deal with these developments, but it would seem that the situation has now got almost completely out of hand.

To-day we publish further news from our correspondent, which confirms the fears expressed in the naval wireless message received yesterday. From this, it appears that the troops have become infected with the Communist virus, that the Police Force is honeycombed with Communism, and that a concerted move is being made against Swatow by the "Red" forces. With the "Reds" reported to be only a few miles from the city, and with only one of the higher administrative officials remaining in office, it is not to be wondered at that the people of Swatow should be apprehensive of serious trouble, and that many of them are fleeing to Hongkong and other places of safety. When it was reported some little time ago that the troops sent from Canton had been instrumental in driving the Communists from their strongholds, there were many who feared that the job had been too quickly accomplished to be really effective. It is true that the "Reds" were dispersed in some areas where they had been especially active, but there was still a fear that they would make their way to Swatow. To counter such a contingency, the military had planned an encircling movement, but this has obviously not developed. A day or two ago, it was considered somewhat strange that the Communists should have been permitted to re-take a number of places from which they had recently been driven, and it now appears that this betokened a breakdown of the military plans rather than anything in the nature of a tactical plan. We therefore appear to be back again to the position which existed before the anti-"Red" campaign began, excepting that the Communists now have Swatow much nearer their grasp than they then did.

It is only natural, in the circumstances, that the untoward developments in the Swatow region should be attributed, in part, to the weakening of authority consequent on Marshal Li Chai-sum's departure for Nanking. Whether there is any relation between the two circumstances or not, it is certainly true that the military campaign against the Hai-Luk Fung Communists has appreciably slackened since he went North. If, as is reported, Marshal Li is soon to return, he will find the situation in this area far worse than when he went away, and if his authority is to be consolidated it will be necessary for him to order drastic action to clean up this part of the province once and for all. In the meantime, fresh misery and suffering will be the lot of the people in this troubled countryside. Already, tales are to hand of the burning of villages and the destruction of property. We may be sure, also, that the "Reds" will wreak a terrible revenge on the inhabitants of those places which have again fallen into their hands after a brief respite from Communist terrorism. The outlook at the moment is far from reassuring, but we can only hope that, even at this stage, there will soon be a new and better turn in the tide of events.

Malaria Prevention.

It is great news that scientists have discovered a new enemy of the malaria-bearing mosquito, and we can be certain that the results of the experiments in Corsica will be watched with interest by every part of the world subject to the dreadful scourge. The combatant to be introduced is the much-despised minnow, not the ordinary common or garden kind, but a creature which rejoices under the name *Gambusia Halbrock*, and which, it is claimed, devours voraciously all mosquito larvae invading its waters. It apparently has an admirable taste. Professor Bruntt's discovery should prove one of the most far-reaching in scientific effort to guard against malaria, and much encouragement is to be derived from the statement that the minnow is one of the hardiest of the species and is able *to thrive in rock, pools and marshes*, the mosquito's happy hunting grounds. The value of prevention is a truism which need not be stressed, and we trust that the local authorities will institute enquiries into the possibilities of transmigration to tropical waters. Hongkong's malaria figures are alarmingly high, in spite of the considerable precautionary measures undertaken by the Sanitary Department, under the direction of the medical authorities. We are to have a malaria expert in Hongkong in order to intensify the campaign, and we need little further evidence that the Government is fully alive to the seriousness of the situation. It will cost little or nothing to make enquiries of the Malaria Research Section of the Academy of Science, and we cannot doubt that Reuter's announcement will not pass unnoticed. Even if it is necessary to accustom *Gambusia Halbrook* to Far Eastern waters step by step, it is of practical importance that an organisation with this object in view should be formed. Only by continued effort, the concentration of every available means of combatting mosquito breeding, can we be assured of even comparative immunity.

DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON CAPABLE OF COMPREHENDING THE ERRORS OF A MAN, AND THAT IS THE WOMAN WHOM GOD HAS DESIGNED AS HIS MATE.

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The Hongkong Civil Service List for 1928 has just been issued.

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The annual dinner of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong will take place in the rooms on Friday, March 30, at 8 p.m.

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Among the items in the topical gazette in the current programme at the Queen's Theatre is one of particular interest to motorists, as it shows the new Ford car both in the factory and on its trial runs.

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At the meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce yesterday it was announced that the Chamber would make arrangements to entertain some of the members of the Japanese Squadron which will be visiting the Colony next month.

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Mr. Paul Lauder, General Manager of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., is returning to the Colony by the s.s. Kashgar due here on April 12th. Mr. Lauder is accompanied by his wife and daughter.

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A Chinese woman named Lee Mui, mistress of a shop at No. 447, Queen's Road West, has reported to the police that a *foki* employed at the shop collected $32.48 on her behalf from various customers and absconded yesterday with the money.

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According to advices from Canton received by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce here, more than 20,000 refugees are still in the Colony residing at Yaumati and Shamshuipo following the occupation of Canton City by Red Troops in December last.

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The police have received a report from a Chinese passenger who arrived on the s.s. President Cleveland that whilst the ship was on the high seas he was robbed of money, jewellery and other property worth $1,288. He has no clue as to the identity of the thief.

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Mr. L. E. Haynes became a patient at the French Hospital, Causeway Bay, yesterday afternoon, and was operated on by Drs. Stuart Taylor and Millward last night. It is understood that several cases in the Summary Court set down for hearing to-morrow morning and in which Mr. Haynes is concerned, will be accordingly adjourned.

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A Chinese, twenty years of age, a member of the crew of the steam launch Tai Lee, belonging to the Netherlands Harbour Works, fell into the harbour yesterday at 6.30 p.m. and was drowned. According to a report made by the coxswain of the launch, the man overbalanced while the vessel was on a trip from Kowloon Bay to the Kowloon Godowns. The body was not recovered.

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Police officers who returned to the Colony this morning by the P. and O. s.s. Morea included Inspector Moss and wife, and Sub-Inspector C. Evans and family; also Mr. T. J. Dodders, of Laichikok Prison, and Mrs. Dodders. Mr. Dodders was married while on leave. Police officers going on leave on Saturday by the s.s. Morea include Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A. S. P. Sergts. Feely, Collins, Duggan, Reid and Detective Sergt. Meadows.

Two rival gangs of hooligans came to blows in the pit of the Gaiety Theatre, Glasgow recently. The gangs, consisting of about 40 men, had an argument on football. Bottles were freely used. The management opened all the exits, *and some frightened women left* the theatre. A posse of police arrived and, using their batons, quickly quelled the disorder. Four of the ringleaders were arrested. Later two youths were taken into custody. A constable and an attendant were injured.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Mar. 28.

Paris	124
Geneva	25.33
Berlin	20.41
New York	4.83 3/16
Amsterdam	12.12
Stockholm	18.18
Brussels	34.97
Milan	92.40
Oslo	18.285
Vienna	34.095
Prague	164
Helsingfors	198¾
Madrid	28.045
Lisbon	2¼
Athens	368¼
Bucharest	784¼
Rio	5.59/64
Buenos Aires	47.27/32
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Shanghai	2/6¾
Hongkong	2/0¼
Yokohama	1/11¼
Silver (spot)	26.5/16
Silver (forward)	26¼

—*British Wireless.*

POLICE OFFICER RETIRING.

SERGT G. A. JOY OF THE WATER POLICE.

Crown Sergt. G. A. Joy, of the Water Police, is leaving the Colony on retirement by the P. and O. s.s. Mantua on Saturday after a period of service extending over 16 years. A jovial and well-liked officer, Sergt. Joy will be missed by the many friends he has made during his long stay in the Colony, and their best wishes will go with him in his well-earned retirement.

Sergt. Joy, who is a native of Ashford, Kent, joined the Navy in December, 1896, and for 15 years served on a number of ships. He was specially recruited for the Hongkong Water Police on October 1st, 1912, and since that time he has spent the greater part of his time afloat.

In 1923, during the trouble which arose consequent on the exportation of rice from the Colony being prohibited, Sergt. Joy was in charge of a police cruising launch at Taipo. During a Sunday night two large trading junks, laden with rice, were anchored in British waters at Shutoukok. In the early morning, bandits from Chinese territory succeeded in cutting the anchor ropes and made away with the junks and the rice. Information reached Sergt. Joy, however, and he promptly took the matter in hand, with the result that the two junks were recovered in Chinese waters later the same morning.

For a time Sergt. Joy was in charge of a police motor patrol launch operating on the Shumchun River, on the New Territories border, and he played a prominent part in refloating the police launch which went ashore on the Chinese bank of that river in 1925, when the crew were fired on by disbanded Chinese soldiers and two European lance sergeants, Ryan and Hughes, were captured, but later released.

He has been a keen member of the Police Rifle Club and is a marksman of no mean ability.

He was promoted to Lance Sergeant on February 15th, 1916, and became a Crown Sergeant on January 17th, 1921.

Presentation Ceremony.

As a mark of the regard in which Sergt. Joy is held by his fellow-officers, Mr. L. H. C. Calthrop, (Deputy Superintendent of Police, Kowloon), presented him with a gold watch and chain this morning.

The function took place in the canteen of the Water Police Station and was attended by Inspector J. Ogg, Inspector W. Spear and other officers of the Kowloon section of the Police Force.

In making the presentation, Mr. Calthrop said that he had much pleasure in asking Sergeant Joy to accept the gold watch and chain as a mark of regard from his colleagues. Mr. Calthrop mentioned that Sergeant Joy joined the Police Force from the Royal Navy in 1912, his last ship being H.M.S. Newcastle. He was enlisted especially for the Water Police and was transferred to Tsimshatsui after two days at the Central Station. He had been attached to the Water Police the whole of his 16 years and had done duty in each of the four cruising launches. He was the first to do duty at Lok Ma Chau in the motor boat No. 11, which was involved in the trouble at the border some time ago. Being on the cruising launches and at Lok Ma Chau, Sergeant Joy did not have the same chance of coming into the limelight as the men on duty in the Harbour and in town.

In conclusion, Mr. Calthrop wished Sergeant Joy the very best of luck and prosperity in the Old Country.

Sergeant Joy suitably replied.

LOCAL WEDDING.

BABBIDGE—FULLBROOK.

An interesting wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral this afternoon, when Miss Gertrude Charlotte Fullbrook, daughter of Commissioned Master-at-Arms H. T. Fullbrook, R.N., Mall Officer of H.M.S. Tamar, and Mrs. Fullbrook, became the bride of Mr. Henry George Babbidge, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Babbidge, of Portsmouth.

The service was performed by the Very Rev. Dean Swann, Mrs. Grigg being the organist.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a dress of white satin, bouffant style, embroidered with pearls, her veil being trimmed with orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of Easter lilies.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Irene Fullbrook, and by Miss Anne Fowler, as bridesmaids. Both were dressed in yellow crepe de chine trimmed with gold lace, and they also had wreaths of gold leaves on their heads. They carried posies of violets. Master Frank Hughes was page-boy, his suit being of white satin.

The bride's mother wore a dress of French foulardo, with blue georgette, and hat to match. She had a bouquet of pale pink roses.

Commissioned Shipwright C. Oxford was "best man."

A reception was afterwards held at the Hongkong Hotel. The couple are to spend their honeymoon at Repulse Bay and Canton. The bride's going-away costume is a two-piece suit of russet charmeuse with hat to match.

Amongst the many presents received were a silver cocktail shaker with tray and set of cut glass, and a china fish service set, given by the bridegroom's friends on the Taikoo Dock staff.

The Very Ideal

It was graduation day. The proud father surveyed his two sons with pride.

"And now, my sons," he said, "you are both doctors. But I hope you will not stop at that. I want you both to specialise."

The sons agreed. They said they had already made up their minds on that score.

"Excellent," said the father. "What, then, are the subjects?"

First Son—"Mine's Rugger."

Second Son—"And mine's boxing."

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A *Daily Mirror* writer protests that house names are utterly useless.

The rose, named otherwise,
would smell as sweet,
But when 5a is called "The
Firs" or "Rosewood,"
It's apt to make the postman
curse the street,
And, obviously, hardly does
his toes good.
With "Oaks" and "Laurels,"
Birches," "Limes" and
"Hollies,"
His timber-laden mind must
grow encumbered,
So let's relinquish the above-
named follies
And dwell among his
blessings—duly numbered.

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There has been an extraordinary wedding party at a mill house in the commune of Precigne, near Le Mans.

The wedding banquet was held in the evening, and lasted until midnight. Towards the end M. Bourget, the miller, whose daughter had become Mme. Dureau, found it necessary to remonstrate with his son because, while he had been given the duty of serving the guests with wine, he took care to help himself first. The young man objected to his father interfering with him. To say that he became angry would not describe his condition; he became mad.

The first manifestation of his madness took the form of throwing bottles, empty and full, at the heads of the guests, several of whom were injured. Having flung all the things within his reach, he left the room and returned armed with a hayfork. Seized with panic, all the guests took flight save the father of the bridegroom, who attempted to disarm the madman, but he was struck on the head with the fork. When a doctor arrived he found that he had to attend to four persons, who had been injured by blows and fragments of glass. The miller's son is now in gaol at Le Mans.

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Magistrate: You're remanded for a week, on bail of £10, with a surety of £10.

Female defendant: Give me time to pay, please. I'm workin'.

* * *

Mrs. Henry Fawcett, the leader of the non-militant section of the Suffragists, once headed a deputation to Mr. Asquith, as he then was.

"Before he would receive us," she said afterwards, "he sent his secretary to ask me if I would give my word of honour that none of the women would create a disturbance. I promised, and we were admitted. I saw Mr. Asquith sitting in one corner of the room and a lady in the other.

"'Of course, I cannot answer for that lady,' I said to the secretary.

"'Oh!' he replied, 'she is Mrs. Asquith.'"

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The father of a 20-year-old Pontlottyn (Mon.) youth told the Pontlottyn magistrate that he objected to the marriage of his son to a girl of 19 because he considered marriage was a serious responsibility in these hard times. The son appealed to the magistrates to sanction the wedding, which had the approval of the girl's parents.

The Stipendiary Magistrate (Mr. R. A. Griffith) to the youth's father: How old were you when *you married?*

The father: Twenty-three.

The Stipendiary: You did not find it a hardship. My father was 21 and my mother 18 when they were married, and they brought up a large family. I don't know that they found it difficult.

He sanctioned the marriage.

* * *

I look forward with hope, because of the goodness and self-sacrifice of the quite ordinary man.—*Sir Oliver Lodge.*

COLONY'S SHIPPING FIGURES.

LAST YEAR ESTABLISHES UPWARD TREND.

FOREIGN TRADE BOOM.

The upward trend of the Colony's shipping trade was definitely established once ngain in 1927, and this in spite of the fact that the China Navigation Company's steamers were held up by a strike for over two months.

The ocean-going figures reveal an encouraging advance on the figures for last year, 25,700,164 tons entering the port, a figure over 1,000,000 tons above last year, and only exceeded by the peak year of 1924, and by a little over two hundred thousand tons in 1923.

These figures do not represent the entire foreign trade, as the linking of river-steamers and junks, brings the total number of vessels entering the port engaged in foreign trade to 51,289 with a tonnage of 36,834,014 as compared with 30,234 vessels and 28,371,104 tons last year.

Full Comparison.

The full comparison shows increases under all heads except one, a most remarkable slump in traffic in local trade being recorded, partially due to an extension of the Harbour limits, which now include places for which statistics were formerly required. The decrease shown is 280,269 launches representing 8,178,174 tons.

The Harbour Master's Report from which these figures are derived shows that total shipping entering and clearing ports in the Colony during the year 1927 amounted to 298,707 vessels of 44,127,161 tons, which compared with the figures of 1926 show a decrease of 261,566 vessels and an increase of 330,725 tons.

There was an increase in British ocean-going shipping of 460 ships of 403,023 tons.

Foreign ocean-going vessels show an increase of 2,299 ships and an increase of 3,982,445 tons.

River Steamers.

British river steamers show an increase of 3,273 ships and an increase of 1,826,663 tons. This increase in ships and tonnage is due to the vessels again running on the Canton and West rivers.

Foreign river steamers shows an increase of 5,064 ships with an increase of 453,420 tons. In steamships not exceeding 60 tons employed in foreign trade there is an increase of 5,064 ships with an increase in tonnage of 146,044 tons. Junks in foreign trade show an increase of 9,027 vessels, and an increase of 1,651,325 tons.

Junks in local trade show a decrease of 2,355 vessels and an increase of 45,989 tons.

The total revenue of the Harbour Department during the year was $1,000,229.80 as against $820,888.39 collected in the previous year showing an increase of $179,341.41 or 17.92%.

285,593 emigrants left Hongkong for various places during the year 1927 (216,527 in 1926). Of these 38,283 were carried in British ships and 147,330 in foreign ships.

181,100 returning emigrants were reported to have been brought to Hongkong from the several places to which they had emigrated either from this Colony or from Coast Ports, as against 128,661 in 1926. Of these, 100,889 arrived in British ships and 80,211 in foreign ships.

ESTATE OF HONGKONG BARRISTER.

THE LATE MR. V. FINDLAY SMITH.

Mr. V. Findlay Smith, a barrister-at-law, formerly residing at the Peak Hotel and practising in the Colony, who died on March 7 last year at Mount Pleasant Hotel, Funchal, Isle of Madeira, left Hongkong estate to the value of $78,100. His property in England amounts to £43,864 and he has also left estate in Shanghai.

Mr. Findlay Smith once resided at Blackbridge House, Tueshwater, Isle of Wihte. He bequeaths everything to his widow, Mrs. A. M. Findlay Smith, who is the sole executrix.

Re-sealing of the will has been granted to Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacons.

The late Mr. Findlay Smith was called to the Bar on November 17, 1915 and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Hongkong on February 10, 1916.

For the first time in its history of 70 years, the Mill Close lead mine, near Matlock, has ceased production owing to the low price of lead in the market, due to foreign competition.

JAPANESE FLEET COMING.

SQUADRON OF TWENTY SHIPS.

SIX THOUSAND MEN TO BE ENTERTAINED.

FINE BATTLESHIPS.

The forthcoming visit to Hongkong of a powerful Japanese Naval Squadron, comprising three battleships, a cruiser and 16 destroyers, is arousing much public interest. The event will be the first time that a foreign Squadron of such large dimensions has ever paid a formal visit to this port.

With the arrival of the Fleet on Easter Monday, Hongkong will give a hearty welcome to no fewer than 6,000 men, and the task of entertaining them has not daunted official and Japanese circles who are busy making arrangements to render the stay of the men from the visiting Fleet an enjoyable one.

Precisely at what hour on Easter Monday the Fleet will arrive here is not yet known, and the time of the official landing of Admiral Kato and his Staff is a detail which depends on this information.

To Stay Five Days.

The Fleet is, however, scheduled to remain here for five days, after which, it will return North. It is understood that the British naval authorities here are making elaborate preparations for the due honouring of the foreign visitors, who will be received with all the ceremony customary to naval etiquette.

The battleships Nagato, Mutsu and Fuso belong to the First Battle Squadron, which with the First Cruiser Squadron, the First Flotilla of Destroyers, the First Submarine Flotilla, two aircraft carriers and other special service vessels, constitute that powerful entity regarded as Japan's first line of naval defence.

It is the usual practice of this large Fleet to cruise in Formosan and Chinese waters every year, in addition to home waters. Last year the First Battle Squadron visited Amoy and this year it has been decided to pay Hongkong an official call.

However, only part of the Fleet will come here. The three battleships and 16 destroyers, with the light cruiser Tenyru acting as a destroyer-leader, will be included in the visiting Squadron, but the cruisers and other craft will, it is stated, be diverted to Shanghai. Particulars of the visiting ships are as follow:

The Battleships.

The battleships Nagato and Mutsu are sister ships. The former was launched in 1919 and the latter a year later. Of 33,800 tons displacement, they are 600 feet in length, with turbine engines developing 60,000 h.p. and a speed of 23 knots.

A protective 12-inch armour belt runs along the water-line. The gun-turrets are plated with armour of slightly greater thickness, while the direction tower is also well protected, in these vessels. Vital parts of the ship have also been given special attention in the designer's plans, and thick armour protection over the machinery and boilers is a noteworthy detail.

The main armament in these battleships is powerful. It comprises eight 16-inch guns mounted in pairs on superimposed turrets, —four guns in the front and four aft. The Nagato and Mutsu are, in fact, the first vessels in the Japanese Navy to carry guns of this extraordinarily large calibre. The Nagato also carries; as secondary armament, twenty-two 6.6-inch guns disposed in batteries, while the Mutsu has twenty.

Four anti-aircraft guns are placed on the super-structure, two on each side of the forward funnel.

Each of these vessels also carries eight torpedo tubes, above and under water.

The full complement is 74 officers and warrant officers, and 1,258 men.

Post-War Efficiency.

The Nagato and Mutsu represent a class of capital ship in which are embodied all the latest Japanese ideas of post-war efficiency. Two others of this class were to have been constructed but for the limitation imposed by the Washington Conference which arrested construction work which had already been put in hand. These other battleships were the Kaga and the Tosa, which were to be considerably larger, of no less than 40,600 tons, and they were to have mounted ten instead of eight 16-inch guns. The Kaga has since been converted into an

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KING AMANULLAH IN NORTH.

VISITS BIG INDUSTRIAL FIRM AT MANCHESTER.

TRIP DOWN SHIP CANAL

London, March 28.

King Amanullah of Afghanistan spent this morning visiting industrial works at Manchester.

At the factory of the Metropolitan Vickers Electrical Company he saw some of the largest electrical plant yet manufactured in Great Britain and was shown the latest electrical devices.

Later the King of Afghan journeyed in a launch down the Manchester Ship Canal towards Liverpool.

The launch carried the Afghan flag and each ship berthed in the canal dipped her colours as the launch passed.

The canal banks were lined at different points by groups of people who cheered and waved to King Amanullah, who standing on the captain's bridge, acknowledged cheers by raising his hat.

The launch went as far as the Barton Viaduct which was swung back so that the King could see this marvel of modern engineering.

In the afternoon King Amanullah visited a coal mine on the outskirts of Manchester and inspected the mine workers.—*British Wireless.*

CONFIDENCE TRICK AGAIN.

WOMAN LOSES FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

A report was made to the police yesterday by a Chinese woman, who described herself as a stranger to the Colony, to the effect that she was robbed of the sum of $500 and a pair of ear-rings by two men.

According to her story, she met the two men in Connaught Road Central at 3 p.m. They told her they were strangers to the Colony and that although they had plenty of jewellery on them, they had no ready cash and asked the woman to be good enough to take some of their jewellery to pawn for them, promising her a commission for her service.

The woman was then given a parcel wrapped up in a handkerchief. As she was about to leave the men, one of them asked her to leave some security behind, as a mark of good faith. She handed the men $500 in notes and a pair of ear-rings. When she arrived at the pawnshop, the parcel proved to be nothing but a bundle of newspapers, with a piece of iron added, to give it weight.

Mr. W. R. Lysaght, managing directors of Messrs. John Lysaght, sheet iron manufacturers, was at Newport presented by 10,000 workmen and staff with an illuminated address to mark his completion of 50 year's connexion with the firm. Mr. Lysaght said that during the 50 years there had been no strikes, thanks to the loyal co-operation and affection of the workmen and staff and to the excellent work of the Conciliation, of which he had been chairman for 25 years.

HABEAS CORPUS APPLICATION.

FURTHER ARGUMENT IN COURT.

AUTHORITY OF LI CHAI-SUM IS QUESTIONED.

NOT PEKING OFFICIAL.

The hearing of the application for a writ of *Habeas Corpus* in respect of two Chinese whose extradition is sought by the Canton Government for various crimes in the province of Kwangtung was continued in the Supreme Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, for the Crown completed his contentions that the prisoners should be sent back to Canton and Mr. Hin Shing-lo, instructed by Messrs. Lee and Russ, commenced his arguments to the effect that the detained men should be given their liberty.

Mr. Hin Shing-lo asked whether there was any special reason for the absence of the detained men, saying that as their liberty was at stake they were entitled to hear what was said.

Mr. Fitzroy replied that they were not arguing the *Habeas Corpus* but the *rule nisi* and therefore their presence was not necessary, but he had no objection.

Fugitives Attend.

His Lordship said he had decided in his own mind to send for the fugitives eventually, but if counsel desired, the Crown would arrange for them to attend this afternoon.

Referring to the question of the Extradition Ordinance being *ultra vires*, Mr. Fitzroy said there could be no question as to its power, as it had been passed at the express request of His Majesty's Government. He further submitted that the Court was not entitled to look at the requisition and that the period of the men's detention, 19 days, for which the magistrate was responsible, was not an unreasonable one. Referring to the point that there was no evidence that the fugitives were subjects of China, Mr. Fitzroy said that was covered by the Ordinance itself. He submitted that the application should fail.

Mr. Hin Shing-lo, after referring to the positions of the Executive, the fugitives and the Court, quoted Sir Francis Piggott, a former Hongkong Chief Justice, to show that in English law extradition could not be effected without full authority of treaty and statute.

Status of Government.

Dealing with Mr. Fitzroy's point that an extradition requisition was between two Governments, Mr. Hin Shing-lo submitted that the Canton Government, as at present constituted, could hardly be considered a Power signatory to the Tientsin Treaty.

Another point made by Mr. Fitzroy, continued counsel, was that they could not go behind the order of the Governor. It was true that his order was necessary, but how could the Governor issue such an order for the arrest of a fugitive without previously receiving a requisition? He considered that the Court had full right to enquire into the legality of the surrender-

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Saleswoman: This is my pet, dearie—I don't show it to every customer 'cause I don't want to see it go out of the shop.

IMPORTANT BILLS IN COUNCIL.

WATCHMEN'S POWER OF ARREST LIMITED.

DANGEROUS DRUGS.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at noon to-day, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., presiding.

Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary of Chinese Affairs, was sworn in prior to commencement of the Council's business.

Four new Bills passed their first reading this morning these being, (1) An Ordinance to amend the Pensions Ordinance 1862, (2) an Ordinance to provide for the incorporation of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, (3) an Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, 1925, and (4) an Ordinance to give effect to the change in the name and style of the office heretofore known as that of the Principal Civil Medical Officer.

The third reading of the Ordinance providing for the registration and regulation of watchmen, proposed by the Attorney General, was left in Committee until the next meeting of the Council this day week. It was hinted by the Attorney General that interested parties might, if they desired, submit their views on the particulars of the Bill, through counsel, at that sitting.

Dangerous Drugs.

The Attorney General, Sir Joseph Kemp, in moving the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the Dangerous Drug Ordinance, 1923, said:—"This Bill is intended to enact legislation required to give effect in Hongkong to the terms of the International Convention of Opium and Dangerous Drugs, which was signed at Geneva on the 19th February, 1925. Our existing Dangerous Drugs legislation had already anticipated in some respects the requirements of the Convention, but it has been found necessary to make various technical alterations in the law and it is also necessary to make certain alteration in our Dangerous Drugs Regulations.

"The changes made are largely in the nature of provisions to stop up various loopholes which it has been found desirable to stop up, so as to strengthen the position of the Colony and the world in general against dangerous drugs. One important addition to the lists of dangerous drugs was made by the recent Geneva Convention, namely, the drug which was known under various names but is derived from the Indian hemp plant. Our legislation goes a little further than the Convention in prohibiting any possession of the plant in Hongkong.

"The tincture derived from this plant has a medicinal value and is included in the dangerous drugs, but the plant itself is totally prohibited and that is the plant which is also used in the form of hashish and this is a drug which has very deleterious effect. The other drugs in the Bills are a matter of detail and need not be mentioned at this stage."

The Watchman's Bill.

The Attorney General moved that the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the registration and regulation of watchmen be recommitted in order to substitute the word "police" for the word "registered" in Clause 12.

The clause in question reads:—"Every registered watchman shall, while acting in the discharge of his duties as a watchman, have the same powers of arrest as a police officer."

In moving the recommital, the Attorney General said:—"The Bill is to be recommitted for two purposes. Firstly, in order to amend Clause 12 so as to make it refer only to police watchmen. That is the clause which gives power of arrest to watchmen. At present the clause as it stands gives power of arrest to every registered watchmen. It is proposed that that should be altered so as to give power of arrest to only police watchmen.

"The other object of recommitting the Bill is that certain interested parties may, if they so choose, appear by counsel before the full Council at the next meeting this day week and make any submission they may wish to put forward in regard to the particulars of the Bill."

The Bill was allowed to remain in Committee until the next meeting of the Council.

MORE RAIN PREDICTED.

The Royal Observatory weather report states:—The anticyclone is now central over mid-Japan. A depression lies over Indo-China. There is now no indication of a depression to the East of the Balintang Channel. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the South-East coast of China and over the Northern portion of the North China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North East winds, moderate; generally overcast, some rain.

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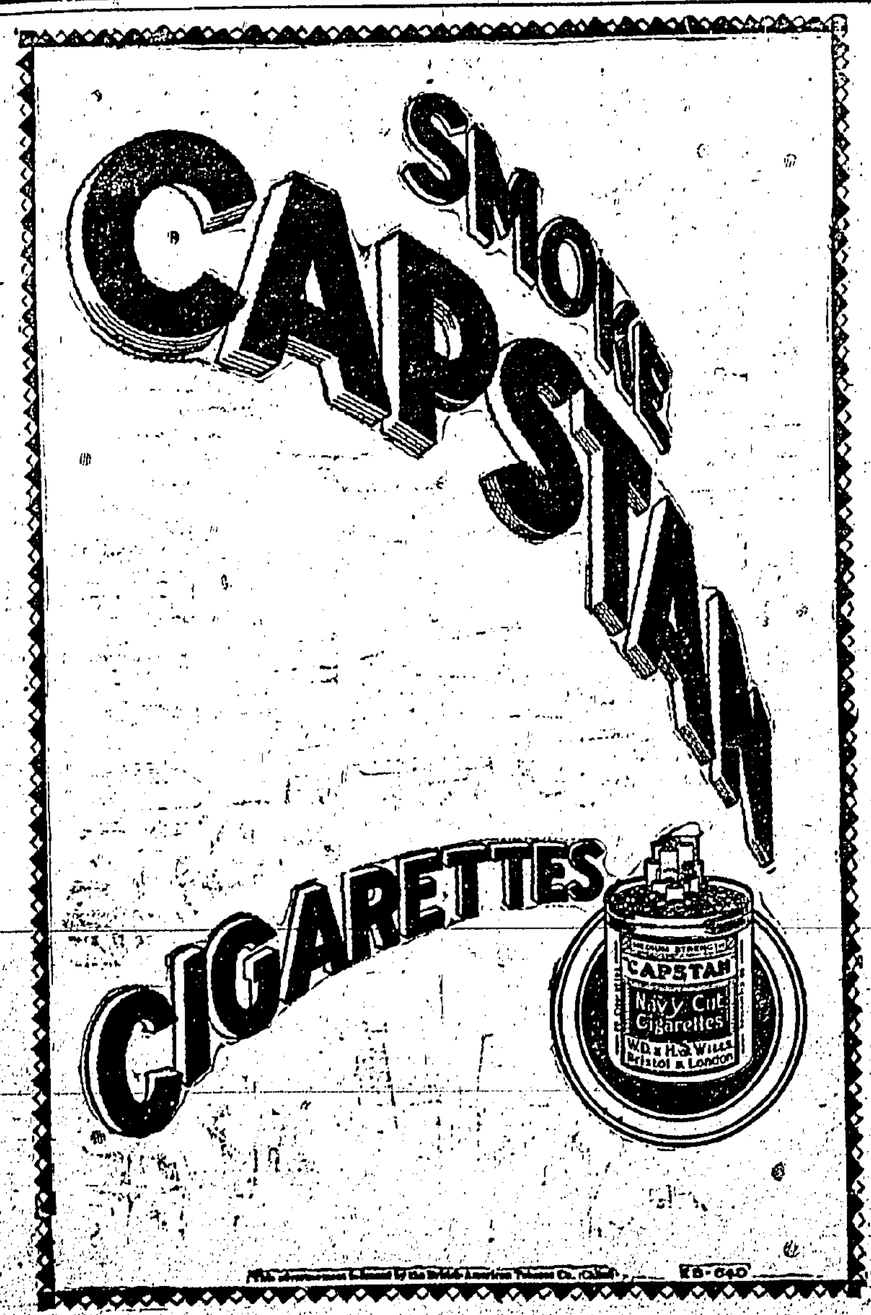

BOXING ON SATURDAY.

AMERICAN NAVAL MEN TO APPEAR.

A special programme, to include two of the leading men in the American naval contingent here, has been arranged for Saturday at Lee Theatre.

The programme is as follows:

Twelve round contest for the Welterweight championship of the Colony: Marine Fraser, H.M.S. Tamar, v "Whitey" Roberts, U.S.S. Black Hawk.

Six round Lightweight contest: L. S. Hall, H.M.S. Titania v "Red" Michener, U.S.S. Black Hawk.

Six round Catchweight contest: Marine Smith, H. M. S. Hermes v "Kid" Stephens, U. S. S. Black Hawk.

Six round Catchweight contest: A. B. Saunders, H.M.S. Hermes, v Jose Pintos da Silva, Pero do Alenquer.

Ten round Featherweight contest: Signalman Shons, H.M.S. Seraphis v A. B. Davies, H.M.S. Hermes.

CRICKET LEAGUE.

WINNERS TO PLAY THE REST.

The following have been selected to play for the Rest against the winners of the first division of the League (University) in a match on the University ground on Saturday: H. R. B. Hancock (Capt.) G. R. Sayer, Lt-Comdr. A.P. Shaw, W. Brace, F. Goodwin, E.C. Fincher, S. Jex, A. H. Madar, W. C. Hung, A. Hamson and F.J. de Rome.

A bus will leave the Hongkong Cricket Club at 1.45 p.m. sharp.

Indian "B" Team Selected.

The following have been selected to represent the Indian Recreation Club "B" in a league match against the Kowloon Cricket Club on Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp, on the I.R.C. ground:—M. P. Madar (Captain), Sirdar Khan, A. S. Suffiad, R. Nazarin, D. Mohomed, A. Butt, A. M. Rumjahn, A. K. Ismail, A. Rahmin, U. T. Thad, and M. R. Abbas. Reserve:—A. R. Suffiad.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE.

DARK WARRIOR WINS.

London, Mar. 28.

The result of the Lincolnshire Handicap was:

Mr. Sol Joel's Dark Warrior 1
Mr. Jack Joel's Phincammon 2
Capt. Hutchison's The Mohawk .. 3

Twenty-six ran, and the race was won by two lengths with three lengths between second and third.

Betting was 28 to 1, 100 to 7, and 7 to 1, respectively.—*Reuter.*

HOME FOOTBALL.

PORTSMOUTH WIN IN GREAT STYLE.

London, Mar. 28.

Portsmouth, who at one time appeared to be in danger of relegation to the Second Division, defeated the Arsenal at Highbury to-day by two goals to nil. This is the second match in succession which Pompey has won on foreign soil.

Several matches were played in England and Scotland, the results being:

Division I.

Arsenal	0	Portsmouth	2
Derby C.	5	Manchester U.	0
Sunderland	0	Tottenham	0

Division III (South).

Gillingham	1	Exeter	1

Scottish League.

Hibernians	6	Queen's Park	2
Cowdenbeath	0	Celtic	2
Rangers	4	Falkirk	0

—*Reuter.*

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

"TELEGRAPH" OFFERS PRIZE OF $50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of $50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 31st) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of $25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of $25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 31st.

DIVISION I.

Burnley	v	Newcastle.
Bury	v	Huddersfield.
Derby C.	v	Cardiff.
Sunderland	v	Everton.

DIVISION II.

Fulham	v	Southampton.
Notts F.	v	Chelsea.
Wolves	v	Oldham.

DIVISION III.

Coventry	v	Millwall.
Charlton	v	Northampton.
Doncaster	v	Bradford.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

C'beath	v	Airdrie.
Aberdeen	v	St. Mirren.

Name .....

Address .....

....

No. 31. Date .....

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupon, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your dulpicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

Mark your envelopes "Football" on the front and write your name (without address) on the back of the envelope.

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Burnley	v.	Newcastle.
Bury	v.	Huddersfield.
Derby C.	v.	Cardiff.
Sunderland	v.	Everton.
Fulham	v.	Southampton.
Notts F.	v.	Chelsea.
Wolves	v.	Oldham.
Coventry	v.	Millwall.
Charlton	v.	Northampton.
Doncaster	v.	Bradford.
C'beath	v.	Airdrie.
Aberdeen	v.	St. Mirren.

THE LATE MR. GERRARD.

AN APPRECIATION.

He looked a man: he was a man Ay, when he went away from Hongkong just after the New Year, you could have taken a lease of his life. To-day he lies among fromt folk. No more will his *pang yows* grant him or he them wi' cheery hallos and "Hoo's a' wi' ye the day?"

All his days physically as strong as the proverbial bull, yet he was never amiss wi' kindly enquiry for the dwaibly among us, for he had the strong man's horror of strength mis-used.

Coming to us, one may say, practically from the plough, to his physical attributes were added those which go to make the ideal custodian of the public—patience in handling weak human nature, a sense of fairness born of and the

gift of democracy, a straightforwardness carrying high courage not to be denied, and an adaptability to foreign conditions the hall-mark of the Scot abroad.

No dreamy Celt this hardy son of Aberdeenshire, and yet, as imaginative as they are made, he was well versed not only in the lore of his own countryside but the problems of mankind in general. Logical in his statements, just in his decisions, he was a tower of strength to constituted authority.

No more will his place see him or his like, no more the villagers have his guidance, no more his colleagues seek kindly advice, no more the green and field witness his prowess.

The stiffest o' them a' he bowed;
The bauldest o' them a' he cowed;
They durst nae mair than he allow'd,
That was a law:
We've lost a birkie weel worth gowd,
Willie's awn."

He looked a man: he was a man. And we know he must have passed away like a man.

R. McW.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

R.A. TIE K.O.S.B. FOR SECOND PLACE.

By defeating the Hongkong F. C. by three goals to nil in the Senior Division of the Hongkong Football League yesterday, the Royal Artillery tied the K. O. S. B. for second place in the table. Davie, Bishop (own goal) and Hill netted for the Artillery.

The Club de Recreio showed an improvement on recent performances by defeating the Queen's Regiment by the odd goal of five. At half-time the sides were level, Rocha opening the score, and Caldicutt equalising from a penalty. The Recreio were in arrears soon after the restart, Beatty netting, but later Rocha scored twice for the Recreio.

KOWLOON DOCK THEFT.

CHINESE GETS THREE MONTHS.

At the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, a Chinese of the coolie class was charged, before Mr. W. Schofield, with stealing a quantity of lead wiring from Kowloon Docks.

It was stated by Sub-Inspector James that the defendant was seen on board a ship undergoing repairs. He was later searched and the wiring was found coiled around his leg, under his socks.

On the ship, continued Sub-Inspector James, some lead wiring had been cut and the presumption was that it had been severed by the defendant, although the prosecution could not prove that.

There had been numerous larcenies of this nature and the Dock Company were pressing for a heavy penalty.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

Derby race crowds this year will be taken to Tattenham Corner by electric trains for the first time.

JAPANESE FLEET COMING.

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aircraft carrier, to replace the battle-cruiser Amagi which was damaged in the earthquake of 1923.

Six other capital ships including the Owari and the Kii and of still bigger tonnage (45,000 tons) were also being designed when the Washington Conference put a stop to further operations.

In the case of the Mutsu the forward funnel takes on a curious form. Instead of being straight, it takes a curve backward before it again comes to a vertical position. In appearance it is not unlike a ship's ventilator.

A Powerful Ship.

The third powerful unit of the visiting Squadron, the Fuso, is of even bigger dimensions than her two companions. The Fuso is 673 feet long as compared with the 600 feet of the other two, although displacing lesser tonnage, and instead of eight 16-inch guns, she has twelve 14-inch guns disposed in pairs along the whole length of the vessel. She displaces 30,000 tons, and, on Brown-Curtiss turbines, develops a horse-power of 40,000 and a speed of 22½ knots. She has a radius of action of 9,000 miles on mixed coal and oil consumption.

As in the case of the other two battleships, the Fuso is protected with a 12-inch armour belt along the water-line. The secondary armament comprises eight 6-inch guns, four anti-aircraft guns mounted on the main turret, three machine guns and six under-water torpedo tubes. The *personnel* comprises 1,250 officers and men.

The Fuso is of an older type of Japanese battleship, having been launched in 1914. A sister ship is the Yamashiro, which was launched in 1915.

The Tenryu, which acts as leader to the First Destroyer Flotilla, is one of two light cruisers built in 1918 to conform to a type which is identical with the 1916 type of British cruisers. The Tenryu and her sister-ship, the Tatsuta, are, however, faster and better armed as regards torpedo equipment, being designed in this connexion to act as destroyer leaders.

The armament of these boats consists of four guns of 5-inch calibre, disposed singly, an anti-aircraft gun, two machine guns and two triple-torpedo tubes. The Tenryu is over 400 feet in length and develops the high speed of 31 knots per hour. She has three funnels.

HABEAS CORPUS APPLICATION.

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ing of the fugitives. Their surrender was only made possible by the Governor's order to the magistrate, consequent on a requisition. Once the Court was satisfied that the two men had been wrongfully arrested or wrongfully placed in custody, then the Court was justified in discharging them.

Supporting his first ground of application, that no requisition for the extradition of the fugitives had been made, as was provided by the Chinese Extradition Ordinance of 1889, counsel continued that the requisition bore the name of Li Chai-sum, but, according to that Ordinance, it should have come either from the Peking Government or from some officer representing that Government.

His Lordship pointed out that Mr. Hin Shing-lo would have to take the amended Ordinances of 1889 and 1927, and counsel said he would concede that.

Li Chai-sum's Position.

His Lordship said that, on considering the amendment, the requisition had to be from a Chinese authority. He added that a requisition could be received from the Viceroy or other officer administering a Provincial Government. The present requisition was by Li Chai-sum, Chairman of the Provincial Government Council of Kwangtung. It bore the seal of Li Chai-sum, the seal of the Council and the signature of the custodian of the seal.

Counsel replied that it was common knowledge that Li Chai-sum could hardly be treated as an officer of the Peking Government. He appeared to be against the Peking Government, but might, at any moment, be with that Government.

His Lordship said there was no evidence to that effect.

Counsel replied that that could be inferred. He went on to say that in a *Habeas Corpus* case every loophole should be investigated and a distinction should be drawn between it and a criminal case. There was ample authority to show that the Court could go by inference and possibly invite fresh evidence at any stage.

The hearing is proceeding.

LEE HYSAN LIBEL ACTION.

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look up in the dictionary you will find the characters mean general manager.

Why do you call the document a share certificate?—Because we have to share the profit according to the capital of $3,000,000. About two thirds of the capital is owned by my family and under my control.

Kept in Family.

How much of your own money was there?—About eight lakhs of the $3,000,000 were my own. About a million was owned by my family and under my control and the rest was from friends who wished to give money under certain conditions.

Answering questions with regard to the opium monopoly, Mr. Lee Hysan said that in a previous firm the farm was put in a brother's name. When he retired he suggested that it be put in witness's name. Lee Yue Sing knew little about the matter.

Mr. Lee Hysan said he was acquainted with terms of the Geneva Convention. Mr. Alabaster, reading from the Convention, said the right was not to be leased to any person whatever and the export of opium whether raw or prepared from any territory was to be prohibited.

Company's Rights.

Mr. Alabaster:—Your company, the Yue Sing Company, had previously not only had the right of preparing and retaining opium in Macao but you had the right to import and re-export.—Yes.

And you had stocks of opium which you had up-to-date either prepared or re-exported?—Yes.

You sold those stocks to the Government?—Yes.

You knew that under the Convention they could not export them either raw or prepared?—They could get a certificate from the country of origin.

The only thing the Government could do was to prepare the opium and use it for local consumption?—I don't agree. They could re-export it to the country from which it came.

But article 6 of the Convention says they can't do that?—They can return it to the country of origin.

You think the Government bought this opium from you for the purpose of sending it back?—

His Lordship:—He has not said that.

Special Law Necessary.

Mr. Alabaster:—He suggests that they could not prepare it in Macao. Mr. Lee Hysan pointed out that the Macao Government would have to pass a special law and publish it in the Bulletin to enable them to do that.

In your time, before last June, your opium purchased for export had to be exported raw?—Yes.

That was under the Macao regulations?—Yes.

And you have not seen anything to alter those regulations?—I have not seen anything.

Questioned concerning the Yau Sing Company, Mr. Lee Hysan said that when it was started Fung went to him and asked if it was advisable to invest in it. Later witness wrote to Fung asking him to get various particulars regarding the company. He wrote because he wanted an answer in writing.

With regard to the letter he wrote to Fung he made a copy of it later.

The case is proceeding.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express.*

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. *What potentate of whom much has been heard of late had never seen the sea until a few months ago?*
2. *What great modern literary work has cost £500,000 to produce?*
3. *How many words are there in the English language?*
4. *Where, according to the latest scientific theory, did man first appear on the earth?*
5. *From what material, usually regarded as waste, can enormously valuable products be extracted?*
6. *When and by whom was the Union Jack first instituted?*
7. *What flying creature moves its wings at the rate of 15,000 times per second?*
8. *What country is about to lose thirteen days out of the present year, and why?*
9. *What is declared to be the fastest ball game in the world?*
10. *What astounding scientific discovery is reported to have just been made by a Russian refugee?*
11. *When is Collop Monday, and why is it so called?*
12. *Where and what is the Heart of Midlothian?*

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LOCAL BASEBALL.

PITTSBURG BEAT FILIPINOS.

In the presence of Rear Admiral Bristol, Chief-of-Staff Captain K. C. Castleman, and Mr. Roger Tredwell, U.S. Consul General in Hongkong, the baseball team from the U.S.S. Pittsburg defeated the Filipino Club by 18 runs to nil, after an interesting game yesterday.

Owing to the inclement weather, there was a poor attendance, but those attending were enthusiastic. The Pittsburg turned out a strong team, and the Filipino Club were without some of their best players. In fact, the latter could not field a full side until the game was well under way.

The teams lined up as follows at 5 p.m., some 45 minutes after the game was scheduled to commence.

Pittsburg		Filipinos
Langley	c.f.	Sancho
Nealan	s.s.	Ryan
Shaw	r.f.	Ildefonso
Harre	l.b.	Zafra
Venables	c.	Fernandez
Griffith	l.f.	Delgado
Reynolds	3.b.	Rull
Robertson	2.b.	Ichang
Bleavins	p.	Bautista

Substitutes: Pittsburg, James and Reader. Filipinos, Leonard.

Umpires, Nixon and Ildefonso.

On the arrival of Leonard to fill up the team, Zafra pitched for the fifth innings and Leonard went to first base, with Ildefonso standing down.

Pittsburg opened with a home run through Nealan, the Filipino side being blanked out. Pittsburg scored nothing in the second, while the Filipinos went out by two strike-outs and a fly. Nealan scored another home run in the third visit, while Langley got round after a walk on Nealan's hit.

The grand parade continued, with Langley, Nealan, Griffith, Robertson and Bleavins scoring in the fourth, Reynolds, Robertson and Bleavins in the fifth, Shaw, Harre (homer), Venables, Griffiths and Robertson in the sixth, and Horton and Venables in the seventh. During the game the Filipinos never got beyond second base.

Score by Innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Pittsburg	1	0	2	5	3	5	2	18
Filipinos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hits:—Pittsburg, 15. Filipinos, 2.

Home Runs, Nealan 2, Harre 1. Three base hits, Griffiths and Robertson. Two base hits, Bleavins, and Venables and Griffiths.

Strike outs:—Pittsburg 7, Filipinos 4.

INTERPORT BILLIARDS

DINNER AND CONCERT.

The series of Interport Billiard matches recently played between the Portuguese representatives of Shanghai and Hongkong was brought to a successful conclusion on Tuesday night when a dinner was held in honour of the visiting players.

The dinner, which was followed by a concert, was held at the Club Lusitano, where the matches were played, and among those present was Mr. C. de Albuquerque (Portuguese Consul).

Mr. G. M. P. Remedios, captain of the Northern players congratulated the local players on their victory, Mr. A. J. Osmund, Hongkong's Captain, replying. The Consul also gave an interesting speech. The Prizes were distributed by Mr. Albuquerque during the concert.

BASKETBALL.

CHINESE DEFEAT U.S.S. PITTSBURG.

Two games of basketball were played at the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Hongkong, last evening between two teams from the U.S.S. Pittsburg, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and the South China Athletic Association, victory in one game going to the Y.M.C.A. and in the other to the Americans.

The first match was between the warship's reserve team and the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and the latter did not experience a great deal of difficulty in obtaining the verdict, although the game was well contested. The Y.M.C.A. showed better combination and passed the ball freely, while the sailors confined themselves to the long-shot game.

At half time the Y.M.C.A. had 12 points to their credit, while their opponents had secured eight points. The final score was, Y.M.C.A. 29; Pittsburg 20.

Sailors Win.

In the second game, the first team from the Pittsburg met and defeated the South China Athletic Association, who are this year's champions of the Colony. The sailors played the better game, and had an advantage inasmuch as the members of their team were taller than the local men, who were unable to get into the Americans' territory and were compelled to shoot at long range. Walsh, the American centre, was an outstanding player.

At the interval the sailors had obtained 23 points as against the Athletic's 10. When full time arrived the scores stood at 61—30 in favour of the Americans.

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THINGS CHINESE.

UNIQUE EXHIBITION AT KOWLOON.

EAST AND WEST.

"Despite the dictum of Mr. Kipling, the East meets West here to-day in friendly co-operation. What Mr. Kipling wrote many years ago might have suited his period, but since then times have changed. I maintain that East and West are getting closer together," said the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow speaking at the opening of the China Exhibition in St. Andrew's Church Hall and Grounds, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon.

The exhibition was formally opened yesterday afternoon by H. E. Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow. The Lord Bishop of Victoria was in the chair. Before the opening ceremony the General Officer Commanding inspected the 2nd Hongkong (St. Andrew's) Troop of Boy Scouts.

His Excellency Major General Luard, C.B., C.M.G., said.—I very much regret the inability of H. E. the Governor to be present here to-day to open this exhibition as he would have been able to give you a learned address. However, at the request of the Committee I have much pleasure in taking his place and will do my best.

I am sure you will all agree with me that an exhibition of this kind is an excellent method of assisting to educate the European community of the Colony in things Chinese. Also that it could not have been chosen to take place at a better time, coming as it does when old misunderstandings are being dissipated, and when we are entering on an era of friendliness and goodwill. I may say that it is the desire of the promoters that the exhibition may help in this direction.

I would take this opportunity to stress the importance of international goodwill. Nations are so linked together that if one suffers the others feel it.

Fostering Goodwill.

An exhibition of this nature should foster goodwill in many ways. By the co-operation of members of both nations in producing it, and by helping us who come from abroad to understand and appreciate the genius of the Chinese people. Exhibits, tableaux, lectures and demonstrations of craftsmanship should all lead to this end.

We must remember that China is a nation with a notable past history. It has recorded its past history faithfully and fairly through nearly 3,000 years and has a legendary history 2,000 years beyond that. It comprises roughly a quarter of the human race and covers an area of ground nearly as large as Europe.

The people possess a valuable literature and culture peculiar to themselves and are possessed of great skill in manufacture. The ingenuity of their methods, and the quality of their workmanship are well worth attention. Look for instance at their methods of erecting strong matsheds very rapidly and without the use of nail, hammer or metals.

Patient Application.

The qualities of patient application and skill are shown for example in their ivory carving or in the grain of rice upon which is written over thirty characters which can be read with the aid of a glass.

The stalls contain a varied collection of Chinese goods which will be of special interest to those who desire samples of Chinese work. Some of these have been brought specially from Canton and cannot be obtained locally.

The literature stall is worth careful attention as books have been obtained specially from England for this.

I think I have said enough to show that this exhibition is an opportunity for seeing a collection of things Chinese obtained very rarely. I would congratulate Mr. Rogers and the promoters on their forethought and energy in providing us with such an opportunity and I trust that it may prove a great success in every way.

A Unique Exhibition.

The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow said.—I consider it a great honour to have been invited to be one of the patrons of this unique exhibition and to associate myself with General Luard in performing the opening ceremonies to-day.

I believe this is the first attempt by anyone in this Colony to stage an exhibition of this nature and the promoters should be heartily congratulated on their happy achievement.

I had an impression that all a patron has to do is to pose and smile, to swell out his chest and appear important, or to strut around like a peacock and look handsome. (Laughter). But I find that while honours are graciously bestowed, the recipients are required to do something to earn them, so I presume that is why I have been asked to make a short speech (Laughter).

Since my senior colleague, General Luard, has spoken so admirably concerning this exhibition, and anticipated nearly all that I would like to say, there is very little left for me to touch upon, except to congratulate the Committee on the able manner in which they have succeeded in collecting so many interesting objects, modern and ancient, for this special occasion and to comment on the tremendous amount of planning and work they have accomplished to make this exhibition a success.

East and West.

I understand that the object of this exhibition is to afford an opportunity to the many foreign residents of this Colony of acquiring a better knowledge of Chinese life, so that to-day within this building and its adjoining grounds they will learn something of Chinese arts and crafts and see demonstrations of Chinese home life, together with the customs and manners which may seem peculiar to those who do not understand them.

They will be entertained and probably amused but will surely carry away some worthwhile impressions which they will think of at their leisure moments. It cannot be denied that intimate contact conduces to knowledge, knowledge results in understanding, and understanding begets sympathy.

Despite the dictum of Mr. Kipling, the East meets West here to-day in friendly co-operation. What Mr. Kipling had written many years ago might have suited his period, but since then times have changed. I maintain that East and West are getting closer together, for to-day's gathering is one instance. The exchange of official visits recently between H. E. the Governor and Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton is another example.

Kipling Confounded.

I may add that a dinner given last week in honour of the Hon. Mr. Bernard, chairman of the General Chamber of Commerce, on his impending departure for Home, by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in which 30 distinguished foreign guests and 50 Chinese hosts sat down at the table in a most friendly spirit is another instance. I can cite many other similar instances occurring in recent years but will not trespass on your valuable time.

Geographically speaking, Mr. Kipling's saying "For East is East and West is West and ne'er the twain shall meet," is untrue He compared the East and West to two parallel lines which of course can never meet, but East and West are only relative terms. If Asia is East of Europe, America is East of Asia. No one can say where the East ends and the West begins for the sun rises everywhere and sets everywhere. (Laughter). East and West are but arbitrary distinctions used for the sake of convenience. In reality East and West form one great circle or band around the earth, and when the peoples of the East and West realise that they are all God's creatures and belong to the universal brotherhood of man the millenium will have arrived.

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FANLING GOLF.

LADIES' SECTION COMPETITIONS.

A Bogey Competition was held on the New Course, Fanling, on Tuesday for a prize presented by Mrs. Shellshear, and was won by Mrs. F. Taylor, who was all square.

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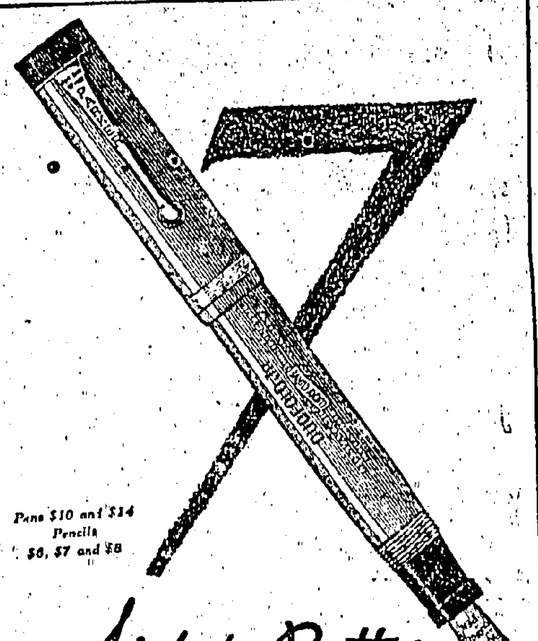

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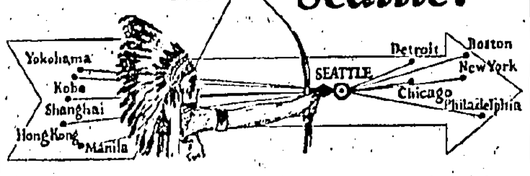

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THINGS CHINESE.

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The Rev. W. Walton Rogers expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee to H. E. Major General Luard and Sir Shou-son Chow for consenting to open the exhibition and for their kind words. He trusted they would not regret the time they had spent at the exhibition.

ROUND THE GROUNDS.

Chinese Art and Manufactures.

The visitor to the exhibition is immediately impressed with the delightful lay out of the Church Hall and grounds. Chinese decorations predominate of course, but the various side shows of the exhibition have been so arranged that a surprisingly large field of activity is covered in a comparatively small area. The lay out of the grounds has already been described and it is merely necessary to add that the visitor will find every attraction easily accessible.

At night the grounds are illuminated in typical Chinese fashion. Prime interest yesterday centred in the demonstration area and in the exhibition of curios. In the former place Chinese craftsmen were to be seen at work. Ivory carving was done by Messrs. Sing Chong of Canton, the mysterious process of ivory balls being carved inside other balls being demonstrated. Messrs. Shun Tai of Hongkong demonstrated the manufacture of Chinese lanterns and paper decorations while jade turning was done by Messrs. Chung Wo Jade Firm of Hongkong.

Chinese Industries.

Rattan ware and mat making was done by Messrs. Hang Cheung Shing, while visitors saw the palm leaf rain coats, the favourite dress of riesha boys in wet weather, being made by Messrs. Hop Yick Chan of Kowloon City. Grass sandals were manufactured by Messrs. Sang Lee, Kowloon.

Messrs. Chung Leang Kee of Hongkong and Messrs. Hop Yick Chan, Kowloon City showed how feather dusters and bamboo hats are made respectively. While soap stone carving and "chop" making was demonstrated by Kwok Yim Sang. Intense interest centred in the scroll writing by Pui Chung Kwok, many Europeans having their names written on scrolls for the sum of 40 cents a character. Doll making was done by Tang Fun and wire puzzle making by Lo Chiu Kee.

Messrs. Kun Kee of Wanchai demonstrated blackwood carving, while Messrs. Wing Hin, Kowloon showed how joss sticks are made. Firecrackers were manufactured on the spot by Messrs. Kwong Man Lung a non-inflammable powder being used to lessen the risk of fire.

Carpentry was demonstrated by Messrs. Kwong Hung Shing and brass engraving done by Messrs. Kwong Yut Lee. Silverware was turned out under the fascinated gaze of spectators by Messrs. Wang Hing. This section of the exhibition proved one of more than average interest and the exhibition would be well worth while if this was its one feature.

Lectures and Tableaux.

European and Chinese meals are also served in the grounds, while musical selections are played by the band of H.M.S. Cumberland and by a Chinese orchestra.

Lectures and demonstrations are another feature of the exhibition and yesterday there was an excellent audience when Mr. R. E. Lindsell delivered a lecture on "Hongkong Place Names and Legends," showing in fascinating manner how various local spots derived their names.

Later in the evening tableux were presented describing Chinese home life and Mandarin's court, the explanations being given by Miss Jean O'Hoy. Other side shows also proved of considerable interest to visitors who expressed surprise and admiration at the way in which such a wide scope of activities was covered by a single exhibition.

THE CURIO EXHIBIT.

A Fascinating Display.

Of especial interest at the exhibition is the display of curios in the Church Hall. There are so many valuable and interesting works of art here that to attempt to describe them is impossible. It is an exhibit which must be seen to be appreciated. It is extremely doubtful whether such a collection of valuable specimens of Chinese art has ever been housed under one roof in the Colony before.

The art exhibits include several masterpieces from the famous collection of Mr. Tse Tsan Tai. Mrs. F. C. Mow Fung lent a peculiar ink slab used by Emperor Kien Lung and Messrs. Komor and Komor loaned several valuable and highly interesting articles.

Twelve Peking rugs and four frescoes salved from the fire at the Summer Palace were lent by the Jade Tree Inc. and Mr. Tang Ying Lam loaned two pictures by a famous artist who is now blind.

Other valuable curios were lent by Mr. Li Cheuk Fung, Kongmoon, Messrs. Kwong Sau Tong, Wong Ching village, Mr. Hon Yan Lum, Mr. Tsui Kwing Kong, Mr. Ho Wah Tong, Mr. Ying Sing Kew, Mr. Ho U Ming, Mr. Kwok Tam Wun, Mr. C. H. Tam, Messrs. Kwong Sang, Mr. Ow Yeing Kin Heng, Mr. P. Sands, Messrs. Cheong Loong, Mr. Li Chor Chi and the sons of the late Sir Chentung Liang Cheng.

The whole collection is one of extreme interest and each exhibit repays careful study.

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Mr. W. H. C. Robson was in charge of the cloak room and parcel office.

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Huge Variety of Goods.

The exhibition includes many fascinating stalls where a huge variety of articles can be purchased. The range is much wider and of far greater appeal than usually found at bazaars and the organisers are to be congratulated on providing articles for sale of extreme utility and interest.

One stall is set aside for the Blind Girls' Home, Kowloon, and the Blind Boys' Home, Foochow, all the goods for sale being the work of blind children educated and taught at the homes. Messrs. Tuck Kee, Peking Road and Messrs. Sing Hai Mei, Hongkong, show brass and blackwood, the stall being a happy hunting ground for curio hunters. Other curios are obtainable at the stall of Messrs. Cheong Loong, of Pottinger Street.

Porcelain and earthenware, services in Canton green and gold, vases and other China products are offered by Messrs. Wing Hing China Ware Co., Queen's Road Central, while an excellent display of drawn thread work and embroidery is to be found on the stall of the Hongkong Lace Co.

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Lacquer ware of all kinds is for sale by Messrs. Hipson and Co., while carved mirrors in many designs are shown by Messrs. Corney Bros. Another fascinating stall, under the supervision of the Church, is that where odds and ends are in great variety. Silks of all shades are to be found on the stall of Messrs. Tuck Feng Silk Co. of Wei-hai-wei and Kowloon, while rattan ware and mats of all kind are offered by Messrs. Hang Cheung Shing.

Messrs. Yu Ching have all kinds of China teas, black, white and green in a variety of packets, tins and boxes, while small gardens, with tiny trees and little figures, trees in the shape of men and animals, gold fish and other surprising things are on sale at Messrs. Ho Kee.

Messrs. Wang Hing, who are demonstrating their manufactures, have on sale an excellent collection of silver ware while Messrs. Kelly and Walsh Ltd., show books on China. C.M.S. publications are available at another stall and finally there is one where packages are wrapped up for the modest sum of five cents.

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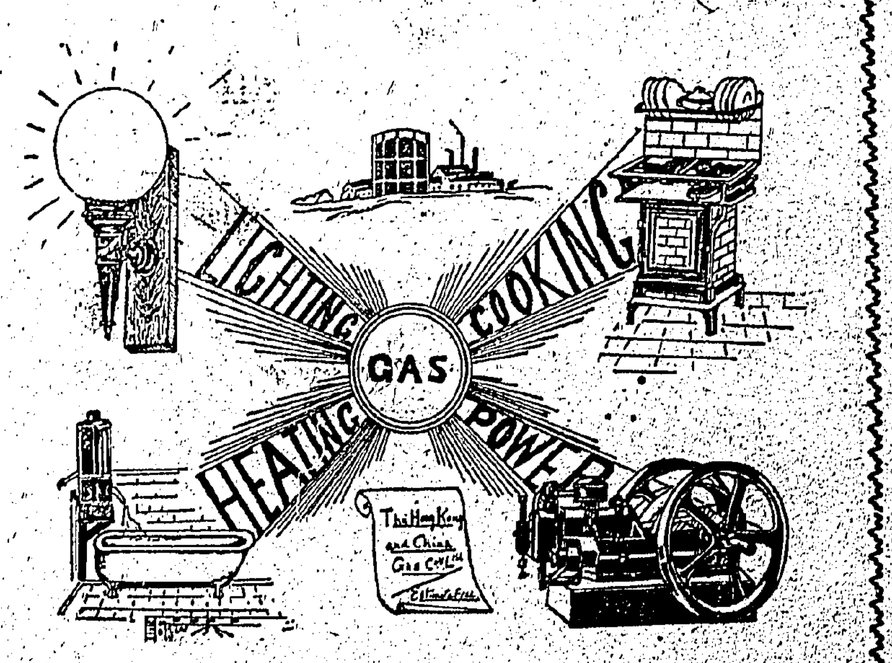

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

A SURPRISE FOR REDPATH.

When Sergeant Galloway reached Marylebone Road, he hailed a taxi, and on the way to Scotland Yard, talked mainly of Polly. Redpath explained that she had gone into one hospital after another, always with the same result. She was invariably discharged after a few weeks as incurable.

"Aren't there Hospitals for Incurables?" suggested Galloway.

"How's the likes o' me to get her in?" said Redpath. "That's what made me so keen after that there reward. Get her away to the sea? That's what the doctors said, though nothing'd make her walk again. But that young swell let me down. I'm glad they've copped him."

On reaching Scotland Yard, Sergeant Galloway handed Redpath over to a constable in uniform, then waited impatiently for Inspector Pow's return from the Capital Hotel, where he had disillusioned Elias Feversham. No, Parkinson had made no further admission, but the Inspector asked for Theresa, to whom he put one or two significant questions. She had insisted that Parkinson had not mentioned Miss Croom's name till after the murder. Pow warned her to keep to facts. It would be much better for her. As she had conspired with Parkinson to obtain possession of the metal box, she would be closely questioned concerning the whole of their intercourse. It would be to her advantage in the long run to keep nothing back.

Having succeeded in making her feel more alarmed than ever, he hesitated whether to go to Downshire Hill, for a word with Martha Keene, or to return to Scotland Yard in the first place. On the whole he determined to return to the Yard.

The fact was that he felt anxious to hear whether Manser had succeeded in laying his hands on Whitehead, who, according to Galloway, was a "nark;" a man who was willing to give information about other thieves to make things easier for himself. At this time of day, Inspector Pow was not in the least desirous to hear anything which might interfere with the proceedings against Parkinson. Before seeing Galloway he had to consider a report from the finger print department. The impressions which had been found at Baynton Crescent were not Everard's.

That he had been on the spot, however, was known from his own admission, so that the obvious conclusion was that he had not been the only one, as Inspector Pow told Galloway a few minutes later, when the Sergeant came to his room.

"No," said Galloway, "Parkinson certainly wasn't the only one. Redpath was the other."

"How do you know?" demanded the Inspector. "You haven't taken Redpath's finger prints since."

"No, but you'll find I'm right, Inspector. Carry your mind back to that Friday morning. You may remember my asking Dr. Markwell the name of the scent that was upset over the dressing table. He said he'd brought it from Ceylon and had never come across it anywhere else."

"What about it?" demanded Pow impatiently.

Thrusting his hand in his pocket, Galloway brought forth a white handkerchief with a mauve border.

"Smell that!"

Pow took the handkerchief and held it to his nose. He lowered it the next moment, frowning at it and then sniffing again.

"Where did you get it?" he demanded.

"Redpath's room was reeking with it. His daughter was expecting the curate, and got herself up accordingly. One of the things on my list was a gold-topped scent bottle. That was stolen on the night of the murder—stolen by Redpath. When he got home, the first thing he did was to wrench the top off and smash the glass, but seeing there was scent in it, he thought of the girl, found an old medicine bottle and poured it in. She's treasured it for special occasions ever since; when she expected the curate, for instance. Where else could the scent have come from? Miss Croom's gold-topped bottle was on her dressing-table on Thursday afternoon. Martha Keene can swear to that. Redpath was there on Thursday evening. He got in at the window, stole upstairs, turned out the wardrobe, and on the way down, spotted Miss Croom by the telephone. He had brought a jemmy, and used it to bash her skull in. Parkinson didn't appear on the scene till after he'd cleared out."

"I doubt," said Inspector Pow, "whether your evidence is good enough."

"There'll be Redpath's fingerprints."

"What about Parkinson?" cried Pow with a frown. "He's going before Mr. Howse at two."

"Deal with Redpath first," urged Galloway. "Have him in here and charge him. He thinks he's come to give evidence against Parkinson. He'll have the surprise of his life."

Inspector Pow still looked doubtful. He had no desire to bring Everard before the magistrate at the risk of his being discharged. There might be something in what Galloway said—

He was sitting at his writing table, staring down at the blotting pad, Galloway standing a yard or so away, when the telephone bell rang.

"See what it is, Sergeant!"

Galloway took the instrument in his hand, and a moment later, turned sharply towards his superior.

"It's Manser," he said.

"Has he found Whitehead!" demanded Pow.

Galloway held the receiver to his ear, while he was speaking to the Inspector.

"Whitehead's here," he exclaimed.

"Better tell Manser to bring him in—"

"Yes, Inspector, as soon as we've done with Redpath," said Galloway coolly, and having replaced the telephone, he managed to get out of the room before Pow could prevent him.

A few minutes later he returned with Redpath, who was nervously fingering his greasy cloth cap. His overcoat hung loosely about him, but he tried to straighten his back as he stood before the table.

"Good morning, Inspector," he said in answer to a nod of recognition.

He had not the slightest suspicion of what lay in store for him. Sergeant Galloway was standing close to his side, when Pow, resting his elbows on the blotting pad, and speaking with the greatest deliberation, gave the warning he was bound to give.

For the moment Redpath was bewildered. He seemed to be losing power over his limbs.

"Hold up," cried Galloway, seizing his arm as he tottered.

"I came to give evidence against —You're not going to arrest me!" he shouted.

"For the murder of Miss Croom, Redpath."

"God!" he said, "what'll become o' my gal?"

That was his chief consideration—Polly. She ever had been, since she was deserted by her mother more than ten years ago.

"She'll be well looked after," urged Inspector Pow. "You needn't worry about her. We'll see to that."

There were tears in his eyes. The suddenness of the change in his position from witness to accused, had knocked the courage out of him. He had lost his power of inhibition, and uttered what came into his mind, with no heed of consequences.

"I didn't mean to touch her," he said. "I'd no more notion of doing her in than you. When that chiser rounded on me, I thought I'd see what I could do. I found out that Miss Croom'd be alone in the house on Thursday, but there wasn't any metal box to be seen. I thought I might as well help myself to one or two things lying about, and when I spotted her at the 'phone, I lost my head like and let fly. And," Redpath added, "if it wasn't for leaving the gal alone, you might do what you like with me. I'm fair fed up. Had enough of it, I have, only for her."

That was what Sergeant Galloway had played for from the moment he recognised the scent at Little Oakham Street.

(To Be Continued.)

The Royal Automobile Club announces that a new test of anti-dazzle lamps and devices will be held on the evening of March 29 in Richmond Park. Three years have passed since the interesting and novel service will be shown. In addition to anti-dazzle devices and headlamps the demonstration will include illuminated road signs, warning signs, and signposts, illuminated traffic signals, sidelamps of different powers, cycle rear reflectors, illumination of rear number plates, and road works danger lamps.

OUR BERLIN LETTER.

AFGHAN ROYALTY IN GERMAN CAPITAL.

Berlin, Mar. 4.

Towards the close of February, the King and Queen of Afghanistan arrived in the German capital and were given a most hearty welcome by the inhabitants and by Field-Marshal von Hindenburg, the venerable President of the young republic. King Amanullah is the first chief of a State to pay an official visit to Germany since the war.

European monarchs have, indeed, passed through the country, but they remained, in every case, *in cognito*, so that there was no opportunity for any kind of demonstration. Consequently, the arrival of the King and Queen of Afghanistan provided the first occasion, for many years, on which Berlin has seen the receptions of royalty.

Various other circumstances contributed to enhancing the interest of the visit. King Amanullah is, for one thing, a staunch friend of Germany. On ascending the throne of Afghanistan, he called in German engineers, physicians and pedagogues to assist in the great work of reform initiated by him for the promotion of his country's welfare. Hence, one can readily understand that, while preserving that sobriety and dignity particularly appropriate to the present status of their country, the German people accorded the royal visitor a most sympathetic and cordial welcome. Berlin was in a festive garb for several days.

Gay with flags and pennons, garlands and festoons, and crowded with enormous masses of sightseers, the German capital made it clear that it has risen fully superior to all the terrible reverses sustained in recent years.

The Royal route followed after arrival at Lehrter Station led through the historic Brandenburger Gate, across Pariser Platz, and along Unter den Linden to the corner of Wilhelm-Strasse. Here, it proceeded past the numerous official buildings in Wilhelm-Strasse down to the Palace of Prince Albrecht, which, together with its delightful old grounds, had been selected for the use of the royal couple during their stay in Berlin. Making this residence the centre for his extensive and busy programme, King Amanullah included visits to several large industrial concerns and to the aerodrome at Tempelhof—the so-called "Air Crossing of Europe"—a reception in the Town Hall, sporting and military events etc.

Taken all in all, Berlin has every reason to be satisfied with the first visit of royalty after such a lengthy interval.

Few who were present here during this visit are likely to forget the interesting picture of the young and energetic ruler of a rising and striving Asiatic State.

The Agricultural Congress.

Once every year, agriculturists arrange a rendevous in the metropolis. This annual congress, which is known as the "Green Week," was attended this year by a very large number of farming folk from all parts of the country. The reason for this exceptional display of interest lies in the fact that the farmer's future is at the stake.

For two successive years, harvests have been bad. This, coupled with the incubus of taxation, has forced the farmers to incur heavy debts, which, in turn, has rendered agriculture an unprofitable industry. Consequently, under the characteristic cloth hat farmers gathered in Berlin to attend their important congress, one saw a look of deep anxiety on many a tanned and vigorously healthy face.

However, the promises of help made by the Government and the manifestations of team-spirit displayed by estate owners and small-holders alike will have inspired with new courage and determination many thousands of those who took part in the meetings and discussions.

The "Green Week" is always associated with a big exhibition illustrative of all branches of agriculture and forestry. This year, the exhibition drew an unusually big throng of visitors; evidently, the townsman is taking such greater interest in agricultural affairs than was formerly the case.

A Novel Stage.

On the stage of a Berlin theatre devoted to the service of political propaganda, a play is being presented called—The Adventures of Schwejk, the Brave Soldier." One may well question whether this drama by the Czech author, Jaroslaw Hasek, with its pacific tendencies, deserved to be regarded as characteristic of our times; such doubts are entertained both by open opponents of pacifism and by those who do not withhold their respect from the supporters of pacific ideas; yet all will admit that, in the play, really great histrionic art makes humour triumph over political hate, and that, inasmuch as the front part of the space consists of only a small space of ground between two travelling strips, modern technics have been placed in the service of a great creative idea.

By such means, the successful manager, Erwin Piscator, literally keeps the stage moving, for, in this way, he causes, on the one strip, the scenery, with its objects and people, to travel past the audience; and fast as these move in one direction, just as slowly does the arch go in the other, so that the actors always retain their positions on the stage. *Meanwhile, on the other strip,* the world, with all its events, comes rolling along to meet the actor. In this way, landscapes seen rushing by as a train rattles on its way, with snow falling from the sky, are presented to view, the illusion being astoundingly complete. In addition, there is a marvellous management of the illumination and a correspondingly effective manipulation of the film as a movable back-ground. Altogether, it seems, to the onlooker, as though every difficulty of time and space had been overcome on the stage.

If possible, these technical wonders were surpassed by the acting of the famous tragi-comedian, Max Pallenberg. Dressed in indescribable military inexpressibles," he marches about the "travelling" earth. Red-headed and big-eared, he plays the part of the officer's fag who does everything the wrong way. He smirks with roguish eyes; he renders the most repulsive scenes tolerable; and he talks for an hour on end, till everyone is exhausted by his loquarity—the sturdy sergeant, who is to give him penalty drill, and the audience who can laugh no longer.

The presentation is a victory of the actor and the manager over all those who wish to debase the stage to their political ends.

LIBEL ACTION.

MR. LEE HYSAN GIVES EVIDENCE.

The case in which Mr. Pedro Jose Lobo, of Macao, sues Mr. Lee Hysan for damages for libel was continued in the Supreme Court yesterday when Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., who, together with Mr. F. C. Jenkin, is for the defendant, continued his address.

Defendant's Story.

Giving evidence, Mr. Lee Hysan, in reply to Mr. Jenkin, said that the Government of Macao became responsible to the Yue Sing Company, which was the Company which owned the monopoly, for $1,800,000 when the monopoly was finished on June 6, last year. Security to the value of $700,000 which had been deposited was included in that sum, and other values included opium and utensils which were taken over by the Government. Defendant continued that there was common talk in Macao at the time that a new Company had been brought into existence for the purpose of obtaining the monopoly. The name of that Company was the Yau Seng. It was further stated that the share certificates for the Company had been signed by Mr. Lu Kin-butt, who had acted as adviser to the Macao Opium Administration. As a result of the formation of the new Company some confusion had arisen as a result of which he, defendant, had been the recipient of messages which were intended for that Company.

With regard to the alleged libel contained in the letter, defendant said he read it as meaning that the new Company had paid $70,000 as security and that $50,000 had been paid into the treasury. When witness had the monopoly his monthly payment had been $100,000. Witness considered that since his monopoly had ended the opium administration needed an enquiry and that was the reason that actuated his petition.

As far as animosity was concerned against Mr. Lobo, he could say that he, defendant, bore no ill-feeling as he did not know Mr. Lobo personally.

His Lordship adjourned the case until this morning, intimating that he would sit late, if necessary, to finish.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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DARING ROBBERY.

BOWRINGTON CANAL HOUSE RAIDED.

A daring armed robbery was perpetrated at 9.25 yesterday morning by four men who entered and looted a Chinese house in No. 39, Tang Lung Street, Bowrington Canal, the home of Chinese labourers of the Nanyang Tobacco Company.

The attack was made at a time when most of the adult inmates were at work in the tobacco factory and only a man, a woman, a girl of 14, and a youth were in the house.

Shortly after nine o'clock a man asked for Lee Fook and the girl answered the door, telling him that the former was not in. Five minutes later the man returned, bringing with him three others and they succeeded in gaining admittance into the premises by breaking the fastenings of the door.

They threatened the inmates with knives, one of them remaining on guard outside the door. The trio gagged and bound the inmates.

For a whole hour, the men stayed in the house, ransacking the place and made good their escape with property, consisting of clothing and jewellery to the value of about $411.

The boy eventually freed himself and raised an alarm. A posse of Chinese and foreign detectives arrived and an elderly Chinese was detained by the Police on suspicion. After being subjected to interrogation, he was released.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

DAMAGE IN NORTH ITALY AND JUGO-SLAVIA.

London, Mar. 28.

Telegrams from Rome and Belgrade show that an earthquake recorded by the seismographs at Kew, Brussels and Munich at 9.30 yesterday morning, was felt slightly at Rome and more severely in the Carnatic province of North Italy, also at Slovenia, on the Adriatic coast of Jugo-Slavia.

Tolmezzo, Cavazzo and Verzegni suffered most.

Many houses were wrecked. The cathedral at Tolmezzo now has a fissure. Hitherto eight deaths are reported.—*Reuter.*

JAPAN-CHINA.

EXPERIMENTAL SERVICE BY SEAPLANE.

Shanghai, Mar. 28.

A Japanese seaplane has arrived at Shanghai from Tomie, Goto Island, South-west of Nagasaki, which left this morning, taking four and a half hours on the flight, which is of an experimental nature to ascertain the possibility of opening up a regular air mail and passenger service between China and Japan.

The seaplane belongs to the Japan Aerial Transportation Company.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE WILLS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DISCUSSION.

A meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday at the premises of the Chamber in Connaught Road Central. There were present a representative gathering of Chinese business men, including Mr. Li Yau-tsun (Chairman), Messrs. M. K. Lo, Wong Kwong-tin, Ho Iu, Li Yik-mui, T. N. Chau, Chau U-teng and Ip Lan-chuen (Secretary).

An interesting point touching the granting of probate by the Supreme Court of Hongkong was brought up for discussion. The Chamber had before them a letter written by a widow, who explained that her husband died in the Colony leaving some money in one of the foreign banks. Naturally the bank in question would not release the money until the proper probate was produced to them. She took her husband's will to a solicitor and in due course the will was submitted to the Supreme Court and appeared in every way to comply with the requirements of the law in Hongkong. The solicitors in question, however, advised the widow, that, the will being that of a Chinese, it was necessary for her to obtain the signatures of two persons to testify that the will was in accordance with the requirements of Chinese law.

Expensive Signatures.

The letter stated that the services of two Chinese gentlemen were obtainable for that purpose, but that the charges were $75 for each signature. As the sum at the bank was only a few hundred dollars, the widow explained in her letter that she stood to obtain a very small portion of what was left behind by her husband, if she had to pay the Court's charges, the solicitors' charges and the fees of the experts in Chinese law.

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had personally seen Mr. M. K. Lo on the question and the latter gentleman had been kind enough to furnish the chamber with the law relating to wills and probates.

This was read to the meeting by the Secretary, and the Chairman also invited Mr. Lo to speak to the meeting on the points raised by the widow's letter.

Mr. Lo, addressing the meeting, said that in years gone by it was held by the Courts here that any Chinese will which complied with the law of Hongkong was sufficient for the granting of probate. The present Chief Justice held, however, that the will of a Chinese, although it might be in compliance with the laws of the Colony, had also to be in compliance with the laws of China.

This attitude of the Chief Justice, said Mr. Lo, was perfectly correct and justified.

A Necessity.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said that he had never heard of a case where a will complied with the exacting requirements of the Colony's law but not with the laws of China. Strictly speaking, China had no law on wills. The ruling of the Chief Justice here, apart from being correct and justified, was a necessity in other parts of the world.

Mr. Lo instanced the case of a Frenchman making his will in England. The will might turn out to be perfectly valid in English law, but, the testator being a Frenchman, it would be necessary to prove that the same document was equally valid in French law, and consequently to prove the will, French lawyers would have to be consulted.

The position out here was somewhat different. Mr. Lo said that there being no law on the making of wills in China, any paper on which there appeared the signature of the testator could be held to be his will, if that could be proved to be a document relating to his estate and bearing his dying wish.

In regard to the widow's complaint, Mr. Lo said that any Chinese gentleman who was a man of letters and who knew something about the laws of China could do the necessary testifying.

The Chamber, after hearing Mr. Lo, decided that the two Chinese representatives on the Council should be approached with a view to negotiating for the removal of the extra requirement of the Courts.

Mr. Lo added that where a testator had movable property in China, the will, if certified to be in accordance with Chinese laws, would be so much the better.

TARIFF QUESTION.

NORTH AND SOUTH FAIL TO AGREE.

Peking, Mar. 28.

It is understood the Northerners are not altogether satisfied with the progress toward agreement with the South as regards the tariff question. The Northerners wish the Nationalists to agree to the presentation of a Note simultaneously by Peking and Nanking to the Powers urging tariff autonomy on January 1, 1929, and an interim tariff meantime, but the Southerners up to the present have not agreed.

The Northerners, according to reliable Chinese reports, are willing that the surplus customs, after paying loan charges, should be retained by each port *pro rata*, but apparently the South are holding out for a still larger proportion, though it is suggested the arrangement would give them a July surplus.

The Northerners are still hopeful that the Nanking Government will agree to the presentation of the Note, but suggest otherwise that they should send Mr. Edwardes again to Shanghai to discuss the matter.—*Reuter.*

LINDBERGH'S PLAN.

A GOODWILL FLIGHT IN THE FAR EAST.

Washington, Mar. 28.

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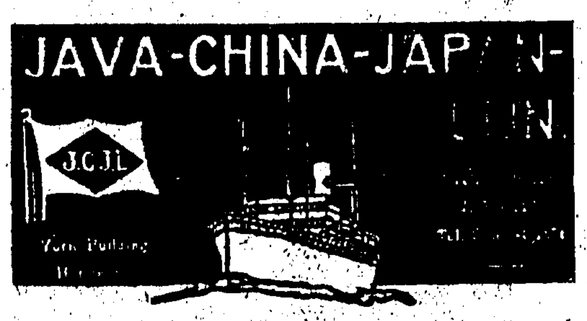

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LOCAL JOSS-HOUSES.

WRITER DECLARES THEM FRAUDS.

Although a Chinese temple is a familiar enough sight in Hongkong as well as on the Peninsula, it is perhaps not generally known that there exist a large number of joss-houses sprinkled all over the Colony, which form a greater attraction than the temples themselves.

Were the joss-houses ordinary places of prayer and incantation, they would probably remain undisturbed for many more years to come. As it is, however, steps are being taken for the removal of these joss-houses by the more responsible Chinese on the ground that they afford facilities for the unscrupulous to prey on ignorant people.

Some of the vicious practices adopted were described in a letter written to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce by an individual who preferred to remain anonymous, and who requested the Chamber to use its efforts for the removal of such joss-houses.

From the letter it was gathered that these joss-houses are usually run by syndicates who select one or more of their number to remain in the house and dupe the public who visit the place.

Foolish Women.

Women, in particular, show a distinct liking for consulting the god of the joss-house, who is ususally no other than one of the partners of the syndicate. This self-made "god" adopts the name of one of the many deities known in Chinese worship and gives out advice to all those who seek his aid.

Such advice is always handsomely paid for, but the writer of the letter points out that the "god" demands a fee according to the circumstances of the worshipper.

A list of matters on which advice is sought is supplied by the writer of the letter and a few instances are here given.

A girl of marriageable age will enquire when she will find a husband, or what she should do to obtain a satisfactory marriage. The advice will be to give some money to the "god" of the joss house and to wait until a certain day, when a visit will perhaps result in a reply. At the second visit, a similar evasive answer is given and all the time the girl gladly swells the income of the joss-house.

A bereaved widow would like to communicate with her husband, or a mother with her dead son. The "god" of the joss house, after demanding certain sums of money and victuals, informs the widow or mother that her husband or son is speaking through the mouth of the "god" and generally manages to answer the questions put by the widow. The answers are cunningly ambiguous.

Devours Gold.

A trick that is perhaps not commonly known is the practice of "hatching gold." Faithful worshippers are told by the alleged "god" of the joss house that the Guardian of the World's Gold, smiles on them. They are told to bring a certain sum of money to be kept in a sealed vessel within the joss-house. If the worshipper will call again some months later, the money is bound to have multiplied itself several times!

This tempting inducement generally succeeds in getting worshippers to deposit some of their savings with the joss-house. One or two worshippers may get their money back, but others are told that for some reason or other the Custodian of Good Fortune had changed his mind and instead of multiplying the money lodged with the joss house, he has seen fit to diminish it, in some cases, devour it wholly.

The writer of the letter appealed to the Chamber as a board of men of wisdom and good sense to step in and put a stop to such frauds.

TO TOUR FAR EAST.

ARTISTES MAY BE SEEN HERE.

Since their return to America after last years' tour in the Orient, Leo Podolsky, the famous pianist, and Vera Mirova, the well known dancer, have fulfilled many engagements and won further laurels. Miss Mirova has had several engagemets as guest dancer with Adolph Bolm in a number of performances around Chicago and in November gave another dance programme of her own in that city. On that occasion 200 people were turned away from the theatre.

Since his return from the Far East Mr. Podolsky has given his initial recitals in Boston and New York and has appeared twice with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. According to late advices from America he was due to appear with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on March 11 and on March 19 to substitute Mr. Ravel in the trio at the concert of compositions of Ravel.

During the summer Mr. Podolsky and his wife contemplate a trip to Europe taking with them a group of students.

Mr. Podoli, under whose management the artistes appeared last year, is now conducting negotiations with several distinguished artistes for a concert tour through the Far East during the forthcoming seasons, and it seems likely that Hongkong will have another opportunity during the year of hearing more world famous musicians.

JUNK PIRATED.

CRAFT AND TWO MEN STILL HELD.

A Chinese junk, with a cargo of charcoal dust and three people on board, was attacked by pirates in the Tai Nam Chung waters in the vicinity of Hongkong on Monday, while she was on a voyage from Shatin, New Territories.

The junk was approached by a pirate sampan, while she was sailing near Tai Nam Chung waters. The pirates succeeded in boarding the junk and easily subdued the three boatmen, who were taken prisoners and confined in the pirates' craft. The pirates, who were armed with weapons, sailed the junk to Chinese waters, heading in a westerly direction.

It is stated that one of the three boatmen managed to elude the pirates and returned to the Colony yesterday, reporting that his two companions were still in the pirates' hands and that they demanded a ransom of $500 for each.

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Tokyo, Mar. 28.

Contrary to the general belief that the gold embargo will soon be removed because of the recent upward tendency of the Yen, Government officials consider that at least a year or probably more will elapse.

Mr. Inouye, Governor of the Bank of Japan, discussing the present rise in exchange, observes that this is mainly due to the anticipation of a Tokyo Electric loan on the New York market and issues a caution that when the rate goes up by leaps and bounds it is apt to drop equally rapidly.—*Reuter.*

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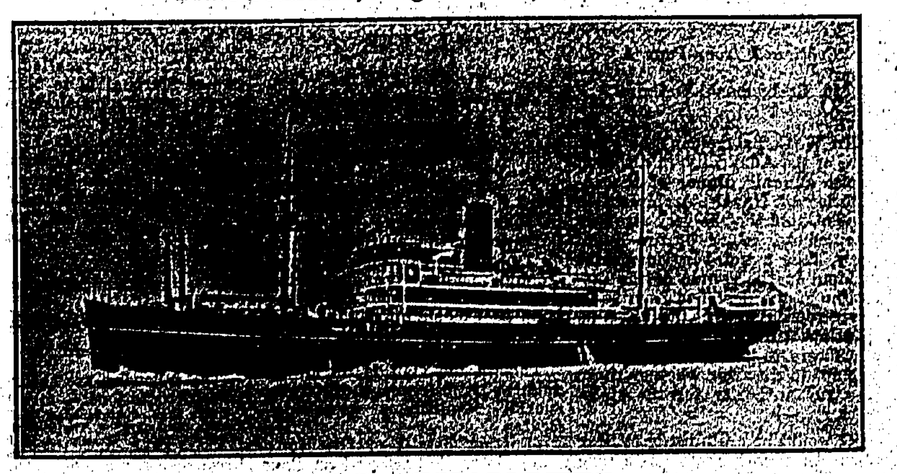

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†KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd May.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,986	26th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
†JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June.	Marseilles & London
†ALIPORE	5,273	5th June.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
DELTA	8,097	9th June.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
†NOVARA	6,989	16th June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
‡JEYPORE	6,318	17th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
‡HATIPARA	7,764	21st Apr.	Moji, Kobe, & Osaka
KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TALMA	10,000	3rd May.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
‡ALIPORE	5,273	3rd May.	Moji & Kobe
‡NOVARA	6,989	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
TANDA	6,956	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RANPURA	10,601	25th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yoko
‡NANKIN	7,058	5th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
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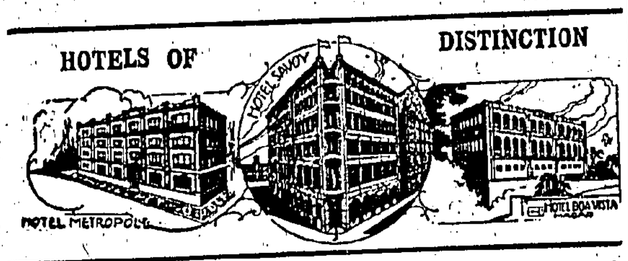

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SWATOW FEAR OF RISING.

"REDS" MOVING ON THE CITY.

TROOPS AND POLICE SAID TO BE UNRELIABLE.

"TOUCH AND GO."

Swatow, Mar. 26.

Swatow is threatened with serious Communist trouble, and is exceedingly apprehensive.

Reports are pouring in from all directions of peasant Communist risings, which, coinciding as they do with the failure of the Government troops to close the circle round the Hai-Luk Fung Communists, gives the appearance of a concerted movement.

The withdrawal of the troops from Hui-lai for the second time is confirmed, but with the more unfortunate feature this time of the seceding of some of the troops to the Communist cause.

Two Battalions Secede.

Two battalions were entrusted with the defence of the city, and of these one has gone over to the "Reds" after the death of the commander. It is not yet clear whether he died in fighting or was treacherously put to death by his own men. The Communists, thus strengthened, have advanced into Chaoyang and Phouleng.

It is reported that the fishing village of Tat-hau-pau, only ten miles to the south of Swatow, is in "Red" hands. Meanwhile, Phau-thai and Mi-ou, in the Kit-yang district, are said to have been attacked and partially burnt by local peasant Communists, and there is speculation as to the likelihood of Kit-yang escaping.

If Kit-yang falls, and the main body of the Communist force from Hai-luk Fung advances to it, the road to Chaochowfu would be open, and Swatow would be in danger.

Swatow Unprepared.

The point of danger, however, is the unpreparedness of Swatow itself. With troops in the field unreliable, and the Police Force honeycombed with Communist "cells," there is little to oppose the advance.

The office of Mayor is just changing hands, and the Commissioner of Defence is reported to be hurriedly leaving port this afternoon. He was rumoured to be resigning a few days ago, but this was denied. Now he has announced that the resignation stands.

There remains, therefore, in office only the Chief of the Bureau of Public Safety, among the higher administrative officials.

Soldiers Executed.

Last night a very strict supervision of the streets was enforced. To-day there have been the executions of several soldiers for misuse of ammunition and other military belongings.

There is no doubt that Marshal Li Chai-sum's departure for Nanking has had an unfortunate psychological effect on the province, and it is inevitable that with his departure and that of General Chan Ming-shiu, the direction of the Hai-Luk Fung campaign, never conspicious for its vigour, has been relaxed.

It looks as if it were "touch and go," whether the Government is coherent enough to retain its hold of this part of the province at the present moment.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

ROYAL OAK TRIAL PROLOGUE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mr. Bridgeman's Outburst.

London, Mar. 28.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech at the annual dinner of the Institution of Naval Architects in London, said that he very strongly resented on behalf of the Royal Navy, that a not very important incident in the course of the discipline of the fleet had been recklessly represented in the Press as "Mutiny" "Revolt" and "Refusal of Officers to Serve," without any attempt to discover whether there was any authority for the statement.

He would be quite ready to bear blame because he refused to give a report before he received in writing the information necessary in regard to the affair in which three gallant officers of the Mediterranean Fleet were concerned. He certainly accepted any blame and hoped it would be laid on his shoulders and not on the Navy who had not deserved it.—*Reuter.*

VISCOUNT CAVE'S RETIREMENT.

THREE NEW APPOINTMENTS MADE.

TITLES CONFERRED.

London, Mar. 28.

The Attorney General, Sir Douglas Hogg, has been appointed to succeed Viscount Cave as Lord Chancellor, on the latter's retirement owing to ill-health.

Sir Thomas Inskip, Solicitor General, succeeds Sir Douglas Hogg.

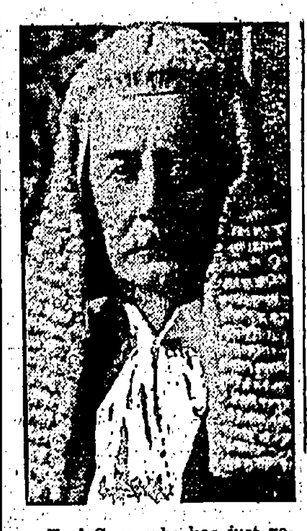
Mr. F. B. Merriman, K.C., becomes the new Solicitor General.

Later.

An Earldom has been conferred on Viscount Cave, a Peerage on Sir Douglas Hogg and a knighthood on Mr. Merriman.—*Reuter.*

Careers in Brief.

Earl Cave, aged 71 years, who has been Lord Chancellor since November, 1924, after holding that office from October, 1922, to January, 1924, has had a distinguished career. He was Home Secretary from 1916 to 1918, after being Solicitor General. He has been very active in the public life of Surrey, being Recorder of



Earl Cave, who has just resigned the Lord Chancellorship because of ill-heath.

Guildford, and as M.P., for Kingston he made a deep impression on the House of Commons by his speeches on licensing law and the Budget, whilst he pioneered the new Franchise Act through Parliament in 1917. He was Attorney General to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from 1914 to 1915, was appointed a Lord of Appeal, with a Viscountcy, in 1918 and was elected Chancellor of Oxford University in 1925.

Viscount Inskip, the new Lord Chancellor, who was born in 1876, has been M.P. for Central Bristol since 1918. He was Solicitor General from November, 1922, to January, 1924, and joined Mr. Baldwin's Cabinet in the same office in November of the latter year. He was with the Naval Intelligence Division of the Admiralty from 1915 to 1918, head of the Naval Law branch of the Admiralty in 1918, Admiralty representative on the War Crimes Commission 1918-19, and is Chancellor of the Truro Diocese.

Sir Frank Merriman, who was born in 1880, has been Recorder of Wigan since 1920, and has sat as Member for the Rusholme Division of Manchester since 1924. He served in the War from 1914 to 1919, being D. A.A.G. from 1917, received the O.B.E. decoration and was three times mentioned in despatches. He is a member of the General Council of the Bar.

JAPANESE FLEET LEAVES.

BIG CONTINGENT FOR HONGKONG.

Tokyo, Mar. 29.

The combined fleet, comprising more than eighty warships sailed in four detachments for various ports in North and South China, of which the battleships Mutsu, Nagato, Fuso, and sixteen destroyers are bound for Hongkong to exchange friendly greetings with the British China squadron.

Though the visit is on an unusually large scale there is no special significance attached.—*Reuter.*

[Further details of the Hongkong visit will be found on Page 7.]

Commodore H. Douglas King, M.P., Secretary for Mines, has appointed the Marquess of Hartington, M.P., to be a member of the Miners' Welfare Fund Committee, in place of the late Sir Granville Wheler.

ARMS EMBARGO ON CHINA.

IMPAIRED BY STATES NON-ADHERENT.

DIPLOMATIC BODY ANXIOUS FOR ACTION.

COMMONS QUESTIONS.

London, Mar. 28.

Sir Austen Chamberlain declared that he had not yet abandoned hope that the Nanking negotiations would lead to a settlement, in answer to a question in the Commons to-day.

Sir Robert Thomas asked that in view of the fact that the continuance of strife in China was prolonged by the ease with which the contestants could obtain arms and ammunition in Europe, whether there was any prospect that League Convention, 1925, on the control of the traffic of arms would soon be ratified by members in addition to the two who had already done so.

Effectiveness Impaired.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the effectiveness of the China arms embargo agreement of 1919 had been largely impaired by the fact that some of the principal arms-supplying States, notably Germany, Czecho-Slovakia and Russia were not parties thereto.

Germany had declared her readiness to accede, through their Minister, a meeting of the the Diplomatic Body at Peking.

A meeting on February 21st., decided to impress upon their Governments the necessity for preventing the exportation of war munitions to China, and expressed the conviction that non-adhering Powers ought to be induced to do so as soon as possible.

The Japanese Foreign Minister urged the Soviet Government to prohibit their nationals to engage in these exportations and representations had been made by the British Minister at Prague to the Czecho-Slovakian Government.

Really International.

M. Benes replied that he was unable to accede unless the agreement was really international and binding on all States.

Sir Austen added that Britain was prepared to ratify the Arms Traffice Convention of 1925 whenever the principal arms-producing Powers were simultaneously prepared to ratify.

Replies to a British suggestion from nine European Governments, Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden, Spain, Italy and Czecho-Slovakia, and also Japan and the United States, indicated that there was no immediate prospect of simultaneous ratification.

He asked for notice of questions whether any of the Powers had expressed their willingness to ratify.—*Reuter.*

FROM SHANGHAI TO HANKOW.

NATIONALIST GENERALS' TRIP.

Shanghai, Mar. 28.

General Chan Ming-shiu, Chief of the 11th Nationalist Army, and General Li Tsung-jen, one of the "big four" of the Kwangsi Clique, left Shanghai yesterday aboard a Chinese gunboat, bound for Hankow, where they will confer with other Nationalist military leaders.

This news follows the report that Marshal Li Chai-sum, Chairman of the Southern Government will leave Shanghai soon to return to Canton. General Chan Ming-shu, it will be recalled, accompanied Marshal Li to Nanking recently, and it now appears that he will not be able to return to Canton with Marshal Li.

It is said that Generals Chan Ming-shiu and Li Tsung-jen may proceed to Changsha to meet Generals Pei Chung-hsi and Chen Chien as the latter are not able to go to Hankow.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. The King of Afghanistan. 2. The Oxford English Dictionary. 3. The Oxford Dictionary gives 414,825. 4. Fossils found in Victoria indicate that Australia was the cradle of the human race. 5. Straw, from which gas, asphalt, phenol oil, pitch, and acetic acid are being extracted. 6. April 12, 1606, by James I. 7. The common gnat. 8. Greece, which is to change its calendar on October 1. 9. Pelota, as now played in Spain. 10. Professor Polnitchuk, of the Royal Polytechnic, states that he can condense energy into matter by cathode rays. 11. The Monday before the beginning of Lent, the day on which collops or slices of bacon or salt meat were eaten before the days of fasting. 12. In Edinburgh; it is a flagstone just outside St. Giles Church.

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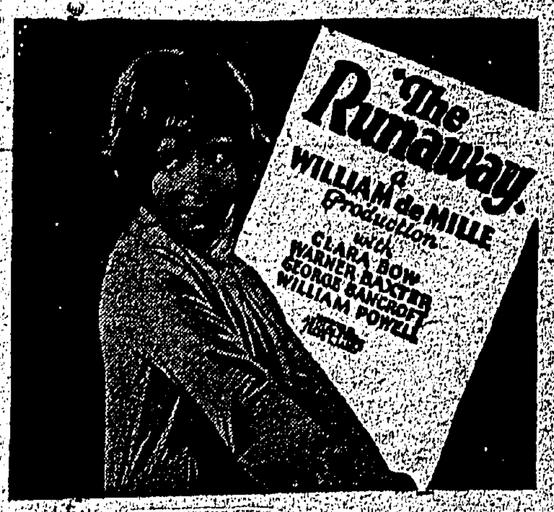

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